

CM Naidu Emphasizes Public Participation in Swachh Andhra Movement



- CM Naidu leads Swachh Andhra initiative in Tanuku
- Criticizes previous government for financial mismanagement
- Announces extensive cleanliness and waste management programs

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Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu called on the people of Andhra Pradesh to actively participate in the Swachh Andhra movement, emphasizing the collective responsibility of keeping homes, surroundings, and public spaces clean. Speaking at the Swarnandhra-Swachh Andhra program in Tanuku, West Godavari district, he stated that rapid development is possible only with a stable government and financial support from the Center.

During the program, CM Naidu personally took part in a cleaning drive at NTR Park, sweeping garbage alongside municipal workers. He criticized the previous administration for burdening the state with ₹10 lakh crore in debt, alleging that they prioritized personal interests over public welfare. He reassured citizens that his government is working toward sustainable development with clear policies, including Swarnandhra 2047.

CM Naidu highlighted his commitment to governance reforms, pointing out key initiatives such as the increase in pension amounts, the introduction of WhatsApp governance to enhance accessibility, and the implementation of the Rythu Bharosa scheme, ensuring financial aid to farmers. He also emphasized infrastructure improvements, stating that 85% of potholes have been repaired under the NDA government.

As part of the Swachh Andhra mission, the Chief Minister announced the establishment of waste-to-energy plants in Visakhapatnam, Guntur, Nellore, and Rajahmundry, with a combined investment of ₹700 crore. He revealed that 51 lakh metric tons of garbage have already been cleared and set a target for a garbage-free state by October 2.

KASIREDDY INVEST IN HYDERABAD WITH THE HELP OF KAVITHA?

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Generally, many feels that Ex Chief Minister Mr. YS Jaganmohan Reddy is very commercial and he will plays with anybody regarding financial affairs. But, here surprisingly Mr. Kasireddy Rajasekhara Reddy, Ex-Advisor, IT for Government of Andhra Pradesh in the regime of YS Jagan, has played with Jagan, it seems. As per the report of accused Mr. Vasudeva Reddy in liquor scam, Mr. Kasireddy Rajasekhara Reddy has taken away almost Rs.2500 Crores allegedly. The CID is investigating where that money was gone. Whether it has reached big boss and in what way? This is the question unanswerable as of now. Meanwhile, we heard that Kasireddy got a deal with a politician for Rs.200 Crores to get out of this case. Now, as per the sources of Hyderabad, we came to know that He has invested almost Rs.500 Crores in Hyderabad on a land of 52 acres located in Guttala Begumpet allegedly. The land is in dispute for many years between a private party and the Government of Telangana. In 2022, Kasireddy planned to get that land for Rs.500 Crores, which is more than

Rs.5000 Crores value as per the market. For this deal, He has met Mrs Kavitha, MLC of Telangana allegedly. Through Kavitha, he has moved the files and made Government to issue NOC in the court that land belongs to concerned private party only. So that after the clearance of the Court, Kasireddy planned to register by that private party to him. But, in a twist-



ed manner, High Court of Telangana has questioned the Government that, How can you give a clearance like that after so many years and asked for supporting documents. After that the High Court has demolished the order of the Government of Telangana and continued status quo on the land. Because of this twist, Kasireddy was unable to get that land and the

amount was spent for this purpose already. The Political Circles and the officials known about this affair allegedly. But, they don't know about Kasireddy at that time. But all of them were shocked when the liquor scam and the involvement of Kasireddy was came out in the recent. Now CID has to reach Hyderabad to know the whereabouts of the money looted through liquor scam by Kasireddy allegedly.

The land at Guttala Begumpet comes under Jubilee Hills, a premium land. On 8th August 2022, the then Collector of Rangareddy District Mr. Amoykumar issued denotification of 52 acres in survey no.63, which is total 73 acres 29 guntas. Allegedly, Amoykumar was influenced by MLC Kavitha. One more interesting thing is that, Mr. Kasireddy has invested much money in Dubai through real estate. He has started a real estate company and surprisingly YS Jagan didn't know about this company, as per the YSRC circles itself. YS Jagan, who is known to be very rude at financial affairs, was cheated by Kasireddy as per this buzz. Few people said that "Mr. Kasireddy is friend of Dushyant Reddy of YS family.

Megastar Chiranjeevi Lauds Pawan Kalyan's Speech at Jana Sena Formation Day

- Chiranjeevi expresses admiration for Pawan Kalyan's speech
- Calls it a powerful address that strengthens faith in leadership
- Pawan's remarks on Telangana and his influences spark discussion

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Megastar Chiranjeevi took to social media to express his deep admiration for his younger brother Pawan Kalyan's speech at the Jana Sena Party formation meeting. In an emotional post on Twitter, Chiranjeevi praised Pawan's words, stating that he was moved by the address and that his belief in Pawan's leadership had grown stronger.

"My dear younger brother Pawan Kalyan, I was truly impressed by your speech at the Jana Sena Party formation meeting. Just like the massive crowd that attended, my heart was also filled with excitement. My faith that a leader who will fulfill the people's aspirations has become even stronger. I bless you to continue your victorious



journey without any hindrance, driven by your spirit of service for the people. My heartfelt greetings to all the Jana Sainiks," Chiranjeevi wrote.

Pawan Kalyan's speech has become a hot topic across both Telugu states. Addressing a packed crowd in Pithapuram, he began

his speech by acknowledging Telangana, shouting slogans like 'Jai Telangana' and referring to the state as a "veena worth crores of rupees." He credited his survival from an electric shock to the blessings of Kondagattu Anjaneya Swamy and the love of his fans.

He also mentioned his ideological influences, citing revolutionary poet Gaddar and writer Darathi. "Jana Sena was born in Telangana. I was influenced by Gaddar's songs and Darathi's literature. We have fulfilled the promise that Rudraveena will play... and streams of fire will pour out," he declared.

With the speech resonating widely, Pawan Kalyan's remarks and Chiranjeevi's endorsement have further fueled political discussions in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Sunita Reddy Meets Governor Abdul Nazir, Seeks Justice for Father's Murder

- Sunita Reddy complains to Governor about Vivekananda Reddy's murder case
- Expresses concern over suspicious deaths of witnesses
- Demands CBI re-investigation and faster trial process

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Sunita Reddy, daughter of former minister and late YS Vivekananda Reddy, met Andhra Pradesh Governor Abdul Nazir at the Raj Bhavan in Vijayawada on Saturday evening. She submitted a formal complaint regarding her father's murder case and appealed for justice.

During the meeting, Sunita alleged that her father was brutally murdered and that six years have passed without justice. She expressed frustration over the slow pace of the investigation and urged the Governor to intervene in expediting the process. She also briefed him on the key developments in the case since the day of the

murder.

Earlier in the day, on the occasion of Vivekananda Reddy's death anniversary, Sunita paid tributes to her father and raised serious concerns over the deaths of multiple witnesses under suspicious circumstances. She criticized the delays in the CBI court proceedings, pointing out that even after all these years, the trial has not begun. Sunita demanded a fresh CBI probe, claiming that certain forces were deliberately obstructing the investigation. She alleged that all but one of the accused in the murder case are currently out on bail, while witnesses are being coerced into retracting their statements. She expressed deep anguish that despite their long fight, justice re-



mains elusive, and the culprits have not faced stringent punishment. Her meeting with the Governor comes amid mounting pressure on authorities to ensure a fair and transparent investigation into the high-profile murder case.



MP Byreddy Shabari Slams Siddharth Reddy's Comments

TPN Correspondent | Nandyal

TDP Nandyal MP Dr. Byreddy Shabari strongly criticized YSRCP leader Byreddy Siddharth Reddy, asserting that the name "Byreddy" represents her, not him. She expressed outrage over the cases filed against her without even considering her as an elder sister and accused Siddharth Reddy of orchestrating attacks on her supporters. Drawing parallels with YSRCP Chief Jagan Mohan Reddy's treatment of his own family members, she alleged that similar tactics were being employed against her.

Shabari questioned Siddharth Reddy's absence over the past nine months and mocked his sudden reappearance with controversial statements. She accused him of indulging in diversion politics and claimed he was resorting to baseless comments due to a lack of attention on social media. She further criticized the YSRCP leader, alleging that he supports the return of illegal liquor, drugs, and ganja under Jagan's leadership.

The TDP MP asserted that corruption would be exposed through the Aadudam Andhra initiative and that those involved would face justice. She reaffirmed the coalition government's commitment to implementing the "Super Six" promises systematically and dismissed any need for diversionary tactics. In a scathing remark, she suggested that Siddharth Reddy should focus on reading scripts properly if he intends to enter films rather than politics.

Vijayasai Reddy's Allegory on Power and Coterie Sparks Debate



TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Former YSR Congress Party leader Vijayasai Reddy, who recently distanced himself from the party, has once again raised the issue of an influential coterie allegedly controlling access to Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. In a cryptic post on social media, he narrated the story of "Raju-Kota-Coterie," drawing parallels between historical rulers and modern political leadership. "In the past, kings lived in forts, surrounded by a coterie that isolated them from the people's suffering. They manipulated the king by constantly flattering him. If the king was wise, he would disguise himself, mingle with the people, and uncover the truth. If he failed to do so, the kingdom would slip away," Vijayasai Reddy wrote. He added that even in a democracy, leaders must stay connected to the people to prevent a similar fate.

This latest statement has fueled speculation that Vijayasai Reddy is once again targeting the inner circle around Jagan Mohan Reddy. His previous remarks had already stirred controversy when he claimed that access to the Chief Minister was restricted by a select group of individuals, hinting that he himself had been sidelined.

Political observers see this as another sharp jab at the YSRCP leadership, raising questions about internal party dynamics as Andhra Pradesh heads into a crucial election season.

Dy CM Pawan Kalyan Counters Language Controversy Allegations

- Deputy CM clarifies stance on Hindi, opposes language imposition
- Highlights National Education Policy's multilingual approach
- Criticizes false propaganda for misleading the public

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has strongly responded to allegations regarding his stance on language policies. Addressing the issue from an official platform, Pawan countered claims that he opposes Hindi, stating that neither the imposition nor opposition of any language serves India's

goal of national and cultural unity. He questioned why false narratives were being spread when the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 does not mandate Hindi imposition. "According to the NEP, students can choose any two Indian languages along with a foreign language. If they do not wish to learn Hindi, they have multiple options, including Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Kan-

nada, Marathi, and others," he explained.

Pawan Kalyan criticized political attempts to misrepresent the policy and his stance, emphasizing that the Jana Sena Party remains committed to linguistic freedom and educational choice. He asserted that India's linguistic diversity should be celebrated, not manipulated for political gains.



Harirama Jogaiah's Open Letter to Chandrababu and Pawan Kalyan

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Former minister and Kapu Sankshema Sena president Chegondi Harirama Jogaiah has written an open letter to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, questioning the state's financial priorities. He pointed out that ₹50,000 crore has already been spent on the capital region in Guntur and Krishna districts, with plans to invest another ₹50,000 crore, while several other districts remain underdeveloped.

Jogaiah recalled Pawan Kalyan's assurance at the Varahi Sabha to adopt the two Godavari districts and demanded an explanation on the progress made. He urged the government to focus on key sectors such as irrigation, drinking water, education, healthcare, roads, transport, industries, and ports to ensure balanced regional growth.

He insisted that the coalition government release a white paper detailing annual district-wise expenditures. He stressed that transparency in fund allocation would reassure the public and highlight whether all regions are receiving their due share of development. Jogaiah emphasized that equitable distribution of resources is essential for the overall progress of Andhra Pradesh.

High Court Rejects Bail Pleas of Devendra, Chukka Shilpa in NIA Case

- Court upholds Visakhapatnam court's decision denying bail
- NIA presents evidence linking accused to Maoist activities
- Defense argues no proven connection to banned groups



TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

The Andhra Pradesh High Court has upheld the Visakhapatnam Third Additional District Court's decision to deny bail to Dongari Devendra and Chukka Shilpa of the Chaitanya Mahila Sangh in a case registered by the National Investigation Agency (NIA). A bench comprising Justice K. Suresh Reddy and Justice T. Chandra Dhanasekhar ruled that bail could not be granted due to the seriousness of the charges.

The case originated in December 2021 when Pallepati Pochamma, the mother of a woman named Radha, lodged a complaint alleging that Devendra and Shilpa had indoctrinated her daughter with Maoist ideology and forcibly inducted her into the banned outfit. Following this, the Peddabayalu po-

lice registered a case in January 2022, which was later taken over by the NIA. The agency completed its investigation and filed a chargesheet.

Senior advocate A. Satya Prasad, representing the accused, argued that there was no evidence linking Devendra and Shilpa to the Maoist party and that the Chaitanya Mahila Sangh is not a banned organization. He requested the court to grant them bail. However, Deputy Solicitor General Pasala Ponna Rao, appearing for the NIA, contended that the accused were actively involved in Maoist activities, and the agency had gathered sufficient evidence against them.

After reviewing the arguments, the High Court ruled in favor of the NIA, dismissing the appeals and affirming the lower court's decision to deny bail.

Minister Nara Lokesh Launches Cleanliness Drive in Mangalagiri

TPN Correspondent | Mangalagiri

Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh emphasized the need for a societal shift towards cleanliness and sanitation. As part of the coalition government's Swarnandhra-Swachandra initiative, he participated in a cleanliness drive at Eco Park near Mangalagiri AIIMS, where he personally cleared garbage and disposed of it properly. He announced that a door-to-door campaign would be conducted in Mangalagiri constituency to raise public awareness on sanitation. During the event, Minister Lokesh held a direct interaction with sanitation worker M. Nagarjuna, inquiring about his life and work. Nagarjuna, who has been serving as a sanitation worker for 15 years, shared that his children study in a government school, where he finds the education and mid-day meal scheme satisfactory. Lokesh assured that further improvements would be made in government schools and sanitation facilities, including providing better protective gloves for workers.

Lokesh praised sanitation workers for their efforts in maintaining cleanliness and stressed that public cooperation is essential to sustain a hygienic environment. He highlighted the importance of responsible waste disposal, stating that people



follow cleanliness norms abroad but neglect them locally. He reiterated his commitment to making Mangalagiri a model corporation in sanitation management and announced a ₹3 crore investment for tank modernization. Following the event, Lokesh felicitated sanitation worker Nagar-

juna with a shawl. Representatives of the Nature Walkers Association expressed gratitude to Lokesh for contributing ₹5 lakh from his own funds to provide free entry for walkers in Eco Park. The event was attended by Mangalagiri-Tadepalli Municipal Corporation officials.

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He also promised rigorous surprise inspections across districts after that date.

CM Naidu underscored the importance of behavioral change in waste management, urging people to segregate dry and wet waste. He warned against plastic pollution, citing its harmful effects on health and the environment, and pledged strict measures to curb single-use plastics.

The Chief Minister concluded by announcing district-wise cleanliness rankings based on performance indicators across various sectors. He assured Tanuku residents of further development projects, acknowledging the contributions of industrialist Mullanpudi Harisandra Prasad. With a vision for a cleaner and more sustainable Andhra Pradesh, CM Naidu reaffirmed his commitment to governance that prioritizes the well-being of its citizens.

Sanitation Workers Felicitated in Pithapuram



- Nagababu honors sanitation workers
- Tribute to their crucial role in society
- Event held on Pawan Kalyan's instructions

TPN Correspondent | Pithapuram

Jana Sena Party (JSP) General Secretary and MLC Konidala Nagababu, along with MLC and Legislative Council Government Whip Pidugu Hariprasada, felicitated sanitation workers in Pithapuram on Saturday. The event, held at Gokulam Grand in Kumarapuram, was organized following the instructions of Deputy Chief Minister and Pithapuram MLA Konidala Pawan Kalyan. Speaking on the occasion, Naga-

babu and Hariprasada lauded the efforts of sanitation workers, emphasizing their invaluable role in maintaining public health and hygiene. They stated that society benefits immensely from their dedicated service, and their contributions ensure a clean and healthy environment for all.

Several dignitaries attended the event, including Pithapuram constituency JSP in-charge Marreddy Srinivas, TIDCO Chairman Vemulapati Ajay Kumar, Chodavaram in-charge P.V.S.N. Raju, Kakinada Urban Development President (Kowda) Tummala Ramaswamy (Babu), and Pithapuram Municipal Commissioner Kanaka Rao.

Jana Sena leaders Pilla Sivashankar, Kadari Tammaya Naidu, Suravarapu Suresh, Bojja Loveraju (Nanaji), B.N. Raju, Joint East Godavari District Regional Coordinator Challa Lakshmi, Joint East Godavari District Official Spokesperson Toleti Sirisha, Veera Mahila Kola Durga, and numerous Jana Sainiks also participated in the program.

Nara Lokesh Condemns YCP Violence, Tearful Tributes to Ramakrishna

- TDP activist Ramakrishna dies in YCP mob attack
- Lokesh criticizes Jagan's violent politics
- Assures legal action and support to the victim's family

TPN Correspondent | Chittoor Dist

Nara Lokesh Condemns YCP Violence Minister and TDP National General Secretary Nara Lokesh expressed deep sorrow over the tragic death of TDP activist Ramakrishna in Chittoor district. He responded on social media, paying tearful tributes to Ramakrishna from Krishnapuram, Punganur mandal, who succumbed to injuries sustained during an attack by YCP mobs. He revealed that Ramakrishna's son, Suresh, was also injured in the attack and assured that arrangements have been made for his advanced medical treatment.

Lokesh strongly condemned the violent politics of YSRCP chief Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing him of continuing a legacy of bloodshed even after being rejected by the people. "Jagan, who was born near a dead body and came to power with another dead body, has not abandoned his

murderous politics. However, justice will be served, and the perpetrators will be punished according to the law," he stated.

He further expressed grief over losing a dedicated TDP activist to YSRCP's violent politics and vowed that such incidents would not go unpunished. Lokesh reassured Ramakrishna's family of complete support from the party, promising that TDP will stand by them in their time of grief.

Emphasizing that Andhra Pradesh must move beyond blood politics, Lokesh declared that the rule of law will prevail. He urged the people to reject violence and stand for a peaceful and democratic future. He reaffirmed TDP's commitment to ending political murders and ensuring justice for victims of YCP brutality.



Ambati Rambabu Slams Nagababu's Remarks on Jagan



TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

YSRCP leader Ambati Rambabu lashed out at Jana Sena leader Nagababu over his remarks at the party's formation day meeting. Responding sharply, Ambati said that Nagababu has changed significantly after securing a post and accused him of disrespecting those who supported him earlier. He compared Nagababu's stance to crossing a river and then burning the raft. "Earlier, you wanted to make Pawan Kalyan win in Pithapuram. Now, you are saying 'Varma, it's your karma' without a trace of respect.

You claim Pithapuram is your home, but this is the first time you have won here," Ambati remarked.

He also took a dig at Nagababu's comments calling Jagan a "comedian" and claiming that he became CM only because he is YS Rajasekhara Reddy's son. "If that is the case, what would be Pawan Kalyan's fate if Chiranjeevi wasn't his elder brother?" Ambati questioned.

Ambati further asserted that Jagan is a leader who does not fear Delhi's influence. "Nagababu is mocking Jagan, but it took him 16 years just to reach here. The Jana Sena meeting in Pithapuram lacked direction, and they couldn't even convey a clear message to the people," he criticized.

He dismissed the large crowd at the Jana Sena meeting, stating that people attended because of the power and money behind it. "There's nothing special about it," he concluded.

Guntur Mayor Manohar Naidu Resigns Amid Political Unrest

TPN Correspondent | Guntur

Guntur Mayor and YSRCP leader Kavati Manohar Naidu has resigned from his post before completing his full term. Manohar, who was elected as mayor in 2021, stepped down amidst political tensions and internal disputes within the municipal corporation.

His resignation comes just ahead of the Guntur Municipal Corporation Standing Committee meeting scheduled for the 17th of this month, where a no-confidence motion against him was a possibility. In the recent Standing Committee elections, TDP and Jana Sena corporators secured six seats, further weakening YSRCP's control. Additionally, several YSRCP corporators have shifted their allegiance to the ruling alliance, inten-

sifying political instability. Apart from political setbacks, Manohar Naidu was reportedly involved in a long-standing dispute with City Commissioner Puli Srinivasulu, which may have contributed to his decision to resign. With another year left in his term, his unexpected departure has sparked discussions about the changing political landscape in Guntur.



Roja Alleges Gross Misconduct in Tirumala, Tweets Go Viral



TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Former AP Minister RK Roja made sensational allegations on social media, claiming that gross misconduct is taking place in the holy town of Tirumala under the coalition government. Taking to Twitter, she expressed outrage, stating that a drug dealer openly created a ruckus and boasted that he could sell as much narcotics as needed. Roja shared a video as evidence, asserting that such incidents reflect the deteriorating law and order in the state.

Roja criticized the government,

stating that illicit activities like liquor sales through unauthorized belt shops have already plagued Andhra Pradesh, and now the menace has reached even Tirumala, a sacred pilgrimage center. "Oh my God! Has it come to this? How can we allow such things in Tirumala?" Roja exclaimed, condemning the government's failure in curbing these issues.

She alleged that the government has turned a blind eye to these illegal activities, allowing criminals to operate freely. Roja's statements have sparked widespread debate, with social media abuzz over the alleged misconduct in Tirumala. Many have demanded an official response from the authorities regarding the situation.

The tweet, which has gone viral, has drawn mixed reactions, with some questioning the authenticity of the claims while others demanding stringent action to preserve the sanctity of Tirumala. Political analysts believe Roja's statements are a direct attack on the ruling alliance, adding to the ongoing political heat in the state.

AP Government Announces Awards for MPs and MLAs

- Innovative initiative to strengthen public representation
- Recognition for legislators who raise public issues effectively
- Awards to be given across party lines

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

In a significant move, the AP coalition government has announced a unique program aimed at bringing MPs and MLAs closer to the people. The government has decided to introduce awards for legislators who actively address public issues in the Assembly and Parliament.

This initiative will recognize elected representatives who engage with the public, understand their problems, and raise their concerns effectively. The government clarified that these awards would be given irrespective of party affiliation, encouraging all MPs and MLAs to be proactive in

representing their constituencies.

As part of the plan, the 'Best Legislator' award will be presented to those who raise key public concerns in the Assembly, while the 'Best Parliamentarian' award will be given to those who make an impact in Parliament. Reports indicate that a special committee has been formed to evaluate the performance and behavior of MPs and MLAs, based on which the winners will be selected. This initiative is expected to boost accountability among legislators and ensure that public grievances receive more attention in legislative bodies.



Liberation Congress Leader Vijay Kumar Criticizes Pawan Kalyan and NDA Alliance

TPN Correspondent | Mangalagiri

Liberation Congress Party President and former IAS officer Vijay Kumar made strong remarks about Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan, questioning the ideological direction of his party. Speaking in Tadepalli, he expressed confusion over whether the recent event was a foundation day or an audio function.

He challenged Pawan Kalyan's political ideology, asking if he was following secularism, communism, Ambedkarism, Brahminism, or Manuvada. He pointed out that while Pawan sang Gaddar's song, he failed to acknowledge that the same Gaddar was awarded the Padma Bhushan. He also questioned Pawan's silence on BJP leader Bandi Sanjay's statements.

Vijay Kumar criticized Pawan for changing his stance on North India and Hindi. He argued that South India is losing representation due to delimitation, as its share in Parliament is expected to drop from 25% to 19%. He accused Jana Sena of lacking direction and failing to address



communal conflicts in Andhra Pradesh.

He also took aim at the NDA alliance, calling it a mere drama for electoral gains. He questioned why Kapus were not given reservations despite BCs forming 52% of the population. Furthermore, he criticized Chandrababu Naidu, stating that if he was aware of financial constraints, he should not have made promises that could turn Andhra Pradesh into another Sri Lanka. Vijay Kumar demanded that the coalition government fulfill its guarantees and questioned Pawan Kalyan's silence on temple demolitions, unemployment, and crimes against women during his previous alliance with TDP.

Central Package for Visakhapatnam Steel Plant is a Fraud: B.V. Raghavulu

TPN Correspondent | Visakhapatnam

CPM Politburo member B.V. Raghavulu strongly criticized the central government's package for the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, calling it fraudulent. Speaking during his visit to the Kurmannapalem protest camp in Visakhapatnam, he condemned the ongoing injustices faced by steel plant workers. Raghavulu stated that workers are being forced out under the guise of Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS), while contract workers are being removed. He accused the government of selling the steel plant, which was achieved through struggle, while allowing a private steel plant to operate. He asserted that the plant's development is impossible under the current package and that it can only survive if it has its own mines and is merged with the Steel Authority of India Limited

(SAIL). Highlighting the plant's dependence on iron ore from NMDC and the refusal of railways to supply steel sheets, Raghavulu blamed the Centre's privatization agenda for the crisis. He alleged that corporate interests, including those of Adani, are eyeing the steel plant lands for commercial gain.

Calling for unity among workers, he urged a long-term strategy to safeguard the steel plant and appealed to political parties to extend their support sincerely to the cause.



MP Keshineni Chinni Congratulates National Taekwondo Winners

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
Vijayawada MP Keshineni Sivanath (Chinni) extended his heartfelt congratulations to the athletes, Coach Malisetty Ankamma Rao, and the team manager for their remarkable achievement of winning 46 medals at the national-level cadet (under-14) and senior Taekwondo championships held in Hyderabad. The victorious players met the MP at the Vijayawada Parliament Office, NTR Bhavan in Guru Nanak Colony, under the leadership of NTR District Minority Cell President Sheikh Karimullah, on Saturday. Coach Ankamma Rao's Taekwondo Academy trained 25 players from NTR district who participated in various categories. The event witnessed fierce competition, with 600 players from 16 states taking part. Despite the stiff challenge, NTR district players secured an impressive 19 gold medals, 16 silver medals, and 11 bronze medals. Ankam-



ma Rao briefed MP Kesineni Sivanath on the athletes' performance, highlighting their dedication and perseverance. The MP personally interacted with the medal-winning athletes, applauding their efforts and encouraging them to aim for success in international competitions. He also lauded Coach Ankamma Rao for his outstanding training and commitment, which contributed to the team's stellar performance at the national level. Among the athletes who participated in the event were Kalathoti Damini, Ritsika, Akshitha, Akhilesh, Dharani, Pujitha, Vamsi, Dinesh, Satvika, Balachander, and Sirisha. Their achievements have brought pride to the district, and their success was celebrated with enthusiasm.

MLA Yarlagadda Venkat Rao Pledges Development of Gannavaram Govt Hospital



TPN Correspondent | Gannavaram
As part of the Swachh Andhra-Swarana Andhra program initiated by the Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Department, a human chain was formed at Gannavaram Government Hospital to raise awareness about banning single-use plastic. Coalition leaders, officials, hospital staff, and the public actively participated in the event, emphasizing the importance of environmental protection and sanitation. Speaking on the occasion, Gannavaram MLA Yarlagadda Venkat Rao expressed concern over the poor state of healthcare facilities at the hospital. He pointed out that the 108 ambulance had been under repair for two months, with authorities showing little urgency in addressing the issue. He criticized the previous administration for neglecting the hospital, which is situated near an international airport but remains in a deteriorated condition. Venkat Rao assured that immediate steps would be taken to improve healthcare services. He announced

plans to upgrade the hospital to a 100-bed facility and committed to raising the issue in the upcoming assembly meetings. Additionally, he pledged to provide a power generator with donor support to ensure uninterrupted services for patients. Apart from healthcare, the MLA also emphasized the need for economic development in the region. He highlighted the government's focus on developing an industrial corridor in Mallavalli, which would create employment opportunities for the unemployed youth. He revealed that Ashok Leyland is prepared to set up operations in Mallavalli, marking a significant step towards industrial growth in the constituency. Venkat Rao reaffirmed his commitment to addressing the concerns of the people, ensuring better healthcare, and creating job opportunities. He assured that all necessary steps would be taken to transform Gannavaram into a model constituency through sustained development efforts.

Brutal Murder at Ibrahimpatnam Ferry, Four in Custody

TPN Correspondent | Ibrahimpatnam
A shocking incident took place at the Ibrahimpatnam ferry, where a young man was brutally murdered by four individuals after an altercation. The victim is suspected to be a resident of Kanchi Kachar, though authorities are still verifying his identity. According to preliminary reports, the dispute escalated quickly, leading to the fatal attack. Local residents alerted the police, who arrived promptly and secured the crime scene. The body of the deceased was immediately shifted to Vijayawada Government General Hospital (GGH) for postmortem examination. The police have taken all four accused into custody and are conducting further investigations into the motive behind the crime. Authorities are also gathering eyewitness statements and reviewing CCTV footage from nearby areas to understand the sequence of events that led to the murder. The incident has caused tension in the locality, with residents demanding stricter security measures to prevent such violent crimes. More details are expected to emerge as the investigation progresses.



MLA Venigandla Ramu Calls for a Clean Gudivada



TPN Correspondent | Gudivada
Gudivada MLA Venigandla Ramu urged the public to come together in a collective effort to create a clean and hygienic Gudivada. He participated in the Swarnandhra Swachh Andhra program organized by the Gudivada Municipal Council at the Municipal Park on Main Road on Saturday. Municipal employees and MEPMA staff took the lead in the cleanliness drive, voluntarily clearing garbage from the park. Following this, MLA Ramu joined the Swachh Andhra pledge, emphasizing the importance of maintaining a clean environment. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Ramu highlighted that the state government has launched the Swarnandhra Swachh Andhra campaign to raise public awareness about sanitation and envi-

ronmental responsibility. He appreciated the efforts being made under the slogan "Let's avoid plastic for some time every day." He pointed out that the habit of indiscriminate garbage disposal stems from a lack of awareness and stressed that if people adopt better habits, the community will greatly benefit. He also encouraged municipal staff to actively engage in spreading awareness and participate in initiatives aimed at transforming Gudivada into a model town for cleanliness. The event saw the participation of Municipal Commissioner B. Srinivasa Rao, Sanitary Inspectors Apparao and Lavanya, TDP leaders Pandraju Sambaiah, Vaddadi Nagaraju, SK Rabbani, municipal employees, MEPMA staff, and other dignitaries.

Bhavanipuram Police Arrest Two in Vijayawada with Air Pistol (Toy Gun)

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
Bhavanipuram Police arrested two individuals on Thursday night at around 7:30 PM after they were found moving suspiciously on two-wheelers. When the police stopped them for questioning, the duo became agitated, prompting a thorough inspection of their vehicles. During the search, police seized an air pistol (toy gun), two gas cylinders, a screwdriver, a wrench, pepper packets, a gas cutter, four gloves, and a pair of glasses. The arrested individuals were identified as Raja Purohit Raju Singh (30) and Raja Purohit Parbat Singh (27), both residents of Vijayawada One Town area, originally from Rajasthan.



The accused, who run a bakery business in Vijayawada, admitted during interrogation that they had planned to rob a gold shop in Kodad. Their motive was to earn more money quickly and lead a luxurious life. Bhavanipuram Police have registered a case and are investigating further.

Tulasi Reddy Suggests Pawan Kalyan to Merge Jana Sena with BJP

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
Former Rajya Sabha member and APCC chief spokesperson Dr. Narreddy Tulasi Reddy suggested that it would be reasonable for Jana Sena Party (JSP) to dissolve and merge with the BJP. Addressing a media conference at Andhra Ratna Bhavan, the Congress state office in Vijayawada on Saturday, Tulasi Reddy accused Pawan Kalyan of lacking ideological clarity and acting as a puppet of the BJP. He remarked that Congress has always maintained that BJP's presence in Andhra Pradesh operates through Babu, Jagan, and Pawan, and the recent Jana Sena Sabha in Pithapuram reaffirmed this claim. Mocking Pawan Kalyan's statement that he is not power-hungry, Tulasi Reddy questioned why he accepted the post of Deputy Chief Minister and why his brother Nagababu was appointed as an MLC. He further criticized Pawan Kalyan's ideological stance, asking whether he follows Che Guevara's ideology, Santana Dharma, or what he called a "Chameleon ideology." Referring to the recent demolition of Kasinayana Ashram in Kadapa district, he questioned



if such actions align with the Sanatana Dharma that Pawan Kalyan preaches. Tulasi Reddy dismissed Pawan Kalyan's claims that he played a key role in TDP's resurgence, stating that such claims are akin to a grandson teaching his grandfather how to cough. He also criticized the lack of mention of the "Super Six" promises during the Pithapuram Sabha, alleging that the event was filled with self-praise.

He pointed out that Pawan Kalyan ranked 10th among ministers in

terms of performance and that several developmental works, including those in gram panchayats, remained stalled due to the lack of forest department permissions. Tulasi Reddy urged Pawan Kalyan to stop boasting and focus on governance. PCC Vice President Gurnadham, District Congress President Borra Kiran, City Congress President Narasimha Rao, Professional Congress leaders Bhargav, Ansari, Dasu, Kommineni Suresh, Sarpanch Suresh, Ravi, and others participated in the media conference.

Welfare Assistant Commits Suicide in Gudivada



TPN Correspondent | Gudivada
A tragic incident took place in Gudivada constituency, where Ganta Srinivasa Rao, a welfare assis-

tant working in the Sachivalayam at Dondapadu village, died by suicide. He reportedly jumped in front of a moving train on the Malayapalem railway track on Friday, resulting in his death on the spot. Local residents who witnessed the incident immediately informed the authorities. The police arrived at the scene and conducted a preliminary investigation. The body has been shifted for postmortem, and further inquiries are underway to determine the reasons behind the tragic decision. Officials are expected to gather more details from his family, colleagues, and local sources to understand any possible personal or professional issues that may have led to the incident. More information is awaited as the investigation progresses.



District Collector K Vetriselvi Leads Swachh Andhra Drive in Eluru

TPN Correspondent | Eluru

As part of the Swarna Andhra – Swachh Andhra initiative, District Collector K Vetriselvi, along with MLA Badeti Chanti and City Mayor Sheikh Noorjahan, participated in a cleanliness drive at NTR Park, Eluru Ramachandra Raopet, on Saturday. The event involved planting saplings and painting the perimeter wall of the municipal reservoir to promote environmental awareness.

During the meeting, District Collector Vetriselvi emphasized the importance of maintaining hygiene, stating that a healthy society can only be built through cleanliness. She highlighted the harmful effects of single-use plastics, which cause severe environmental damage when discarded. Instead of using plastics less than 100 microns, she urged the public to adopt eco-friendly alternatives such as cloth and jute bags. She further stated that while penalties for plastic usage can be imposed, true change comes from public awareness and behavioral shifts.

She also appealed to students to educate their parents on the dangers of single-use plastics, urging families to embrace sustainable habits. MLA Badeti Radhakrishnaiah (Chanti) stressed the need for collective responsibility, calling on all citizens to actively participate in achieving the Swarnandhra mission.

The event saw the participation of Deputy Mayors Pappu Umamaheswara Rao and Vandana Durgabhavani, RDO Achyut Ambarish, DRDA PD R. Vijayaraju, Setwell CEO Prabhakar Rao, Municipal Commissioner A. Bhanupratap, and Corporators Sabbana Srinivasa Rao, Junnur Kanaka Narasimha Rao, Pamu Samuel, Idupalli Pawan, along with other officials and local representatives.

Aditya Pro Karting Endurance Championship – 2025 Begins on March 17



TPN Correspondent | Jaggampeta

Aditya University's prestigious Pro Karting Endurance Championship 2025 – Season 5 is set to take place from March 17 to March 19, announced Pro-Chancellor Dr. Nallamilli Satish Reddy. The event will witness participation from engineering colleges across Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka, making it a highly competitive racing championship.

Dr. Satish Reddy stated that ₹4 lakh in cash prizes will be awarded to the winners. He assured that transparent arrangements have been made to conduct the event smoothly and fairly. Accommodation and food facilities have been provided for all participating students to ensure their comfort during the competition.

The announcement event was attended by Deputy Pro-Chancellor Dr. M. Srinivasa Reddy, Vice Chancellor Dr. M. B. Srinivas, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academics) Dr. S. Ramasri, Registrar Dr. G. Suresh, and various deans. Head of Mechanical Engineering Dr. S. D. V. S. Bhimeshwara Reddy, along with coordinators K. Naga Suresh, Adduri Seetharamamurthy, and M. Shankar Sai Ram, also participated.

Social Activist Patamsetty Suryachandra Pledges Tireless Efforts for Clean Andhra Pradesh

- Commits to Swachh Andhra Pradesh mission
- Recognized by CM Nara Chandrababu Naidu for past contributions
- Emphasizes Vision 2047 for a cleaner and better society

TPN Correspondent | Jaggampeta

Social activist Patamsetty Suryachandra has vowed to work relentlessly toward the realization of Swachh Andhra Pradesh, aligning with the vision of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Konidala Pawan Kalyan. Participating in the Swachh Andhra Pradesh program on Saturday, he emphasized the importance of collective efforts to achieve a clean and sustainable state.

Suryachandra expressed gratitude for being invited by the Chief Min-



ister's Office to join the initiative, which is held on the third Satur-

day of every month. He recalled his past contributions in sensitizing people through training sessions and awareness campaigns and reaffirmed his commitment to the Vision 2047 roadmap for a cleaner Andhra Pradesh.

He also conveyed his appreciation to CM Chandrababu Naidu for recognizing his service, presenting him with an award, and encouraging his continued efforts. Suryachandra reiterated that he would dedicate himself to fulfilling the aspirations of the leadership and contribute toward building a Swachh Andhra Pradesh and Swarnandhra Pradesh.

Leaders Join Swarna Andhra Swachh Andhra Program in Palasa



TPN Correspondent | Srikakulam

As part of the Swarna Andhra Swachh Andhra initiative, a cleanliness drive was conducted in Palasa, Srikakulam District on Saturday. State Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu, Civil Aviation Minister Gijjala Ramohan Naidu, Palasa MLA Gauthu Sirisha, and district officials actively participated in the program aimed at promoting clean surroundings in cities and villages.

Speaking on the occasion, the leaders emphasized that the campaign aligns with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, who have been advocating for a cleaner and healthier Andhra Pradesh. They reiterated that Swarna Andhra Swachh Andhra is being held on the third Saturday of every month, encouraging widespread participation from the public.

Officials urged people to take responsibility for their surroundings, reduce waste, and contribute to a cleaner environment. Public representatives and citizens took part in various clean-up activities, reinforcing the message of sustainable waste management and plastic-free localities. District authorities assured continued efforts to improve sanitation and hygiene, making cleanliness a collective responsibility.



Swachh Andhra Rally Held in Rajamahendravaram

TPN Correspondent | Rajamahendravaram

A massive Swachh Andhra, Swachh Divas Rally was organized by the Municipal Corporation in Rajamahendravaram on Saturday, focusing on eliminating single-use plastics. The event included a pledge, a signature campaign, a poster unveiling, and an awareness stall visit.

State Tourism, Culture, and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh, District Special Officer Praveen Kumar, Collector P. Prashanthi, MLAs Adireddy Srinivas and Bathula Balarama Krishna, and Municipal Commissioner Ketana Garg participated as chief guests.

Collector P. Prashanthi hoisted the flag to start the rally and urged the public to voluntarily reduce single-use plastic.

Minister Kandula Durgesh emphasized that the responsibility of change lies with society, not just the government. He called for active participation from public representatives to spread awareness and promote alternative products.

District Special Officer Praveen Kumar stressed that despite efforts since 2014-15, plastic use remains a challenge. He highlighted the need for a phased reduction plan aligned with Supreme Court directives.

MLA Adireddy Srinivas stated that Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan are leading the plastic-free movement, urging people to prioritize health over convenience. Municipal Commissioner Ketana Garg mentioned that businesses and households are being educated on plastic alternatives.

MLC Parvatha Reddy Chandrasekhar Reddy Inspects Alleged Looting of Agrigold Lands



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MLC Parvatha Reddy Chandrasekhar Reddy, along with District President Kakani Govardhan Reddy, MLC Maryaga Muralidhar, and Udayagiri YCP in-charge Mekapati Rajagopal Reddy, inspected the Agrigold lands in Kaniyampadu village, Varikuntapadu mandal, Nellore district. They alleged that TDP leaders, with the support of the ruling party, were illegally cutting and selling Jamoil trees worth crores of rupees from Agrigold lands, which are under CID control.

Speaking to the media, District President Kakani Govardhan Reddy stated that TDP leaders had looted ₹3.5 crore by selling timber from these lands. He criticized the government's silence, asserting that Agrigold lands meant for the poor were being misused without intervention.



MLC Parvatha Reddy Chandrasekhar Reddy questioned whether authorities were deliberately ignoring the irregularities happening in these lands. He alleged that TDP leaders had already sold timber from 60 acres of Agrigold land, openly violating the law. He expressed concern over how such acts could happen near government offices, raising doubts about the protection of public and private properties in the state. He further accused the state government and officials of being unable to act against TDP leaders, suggesting that such incidents were unprecedented in Andhra Pradesh. He urged the people to unite and resist these injustices. Following the inspection, the leaders met the Varikuntapadu Tahsildar and submitted a petition demanding legal action against those responsible for the alleged looting of Agrigold lands.

Resolve to Eliminate Single-Use Plastics: CCLA G. Jayalakshmi

TPN Correspondent | Ibrahimpatnam

Chief Commissioner of Land Administration (CCLA) and NTR District Special Officer G. Jayalakshmi emphasized that even a small mistake in using single-use plastic can become a major threat to human survival. She stated that avoiding these plastics is a crucial step toward securing a better future for the next generations.

As part of the Swarnandhra-Swachh Andhra Diwas program, which is held every third Saturday of the month, a special event took place in Jupudi, Ibrahimpatnam Mandal. CCLA Jayalakshmi, Collector Dr. G. Lakshmi Sha, and Mylavaram MLA Vasanta Venkata Krishna Prasad, along with public representatives and officials, visited the Waste to Wealth Creation Center and observed the process of making vermicompost. They also planted saplings and participated in the Swarnandhra-Swachh Andhra Special Gram Sabha. Speaking at the event, Jayalakshmi highlighted the harmful effects of plastic pollution, explaining that microplastics have been found in the bloodstream and linked to diseases like cancer. She urged people, especially women, to play a role in banning single-use plastics across the district.

Collector Dr. G. Lakshmi Sha reiterated the importance of changing habits to protect the environment. She stressed that plastic waste remains in the soil for over 400 years, eventually turning into microplastics that harm human health. She encouraged people to use alternatives like cloth and jute bags and cited a simple example: bringing chicken in a box instead of a polythene bag.

MLA Vasanta Venkata Krishna Prasad called for turning the Swarnandhra-Swachh Andhra initiative into a movement, ensuring that single-use plastics are neither used nor allowed in the village.

Modi's Global Rise India's Unstoppable Diplomatic Power

Modi's decade-long stable government, marked by exceptional law and order, has significantly enhanced his global reputation.

Jawaharlal Nehru once went to the UN seeking intervention in India's internal matters, whereas today, the UN itself is looking to PM to help resolve the Russia-Ukraine conflict.



President Vladimir Putin's recent praise for Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi marks a pivotal moment in India's rise as a global power. Under Modi's leadership, India has strengthened its role as a true Vishwa Guru—a global teacher and guiding force—while emerging as a key advocate for peace. His transformative foreign policy has significantly advanced India's diplomatic standing, positioning the nation as a formidable force in international relations.

Throughout the Ukraine-Russia conflict, Modi demonstrated a steadfast commitment to peace, resisting intense pressure from major global powers, including the United States and several European nations, to align with Ukraine. His independent stance was met with considerable pushback, both domestically and internationally.

Well, critics accused him of undermining India's democratic values by not taking a stronger stand against Russia, while Western allies sought to sway India toward their geopolitical agenda. Despite this, Modi remained resolute, advocating for dialogue and negotiation over military confrontation. His diplomatic efforts underscored India's commitment to neutrality and peace, reinforcing its non-aligned stance in global conflicts.

Three years later, the U.S. President Donald Trump echoed a similar call for peace, urging an end to hostilities between Ukraine and Russia. His remarks reflected a growing realization among global leaders that prolonged warfare was unsustainable. The convergence of Modi's early peace advocacy and Trump's subsequent position played a crucial role in shaping diplomatic discourse surrounding the conflict. Ultimately, President Putin acknowledged Modi's essential contribution to seeking a resolution, recognizing India's growing influence on global affairs. Modi's foreign



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policy has effectively positioned India as a Vishwa Guru, a nation capable of influencing even the world's superpowers. India's rise as a global leader is in stark contrast to its position in the early years following independence. When India gained freedom from British rule in 1947, its first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, sought the United Nations' intervention in the Kashmir dispute, a decision that many historians argue limited India's strategic options in the region. Today, however, India no longer waits for global bodies to dictate terms; instead, major powers within the UN increasingly acknowledge and value India's proactive engagement in global matters. Whether it is mediating between warring nations, championing climate change initiatives, or advocating for economic partnerships, India now commands a seat at the high table of international diplomacy. Under Modi, India's foreign policy has undergone a fundamental transformation. His leadership has instilled a renewed sense of pride among Indians, reinforcing their country's stature on the world stage.

This shift is expected to have far-reaching consequences for India's relationships with neighboring countries, particularly as they begin to recognize India's true strategic and economic potential.

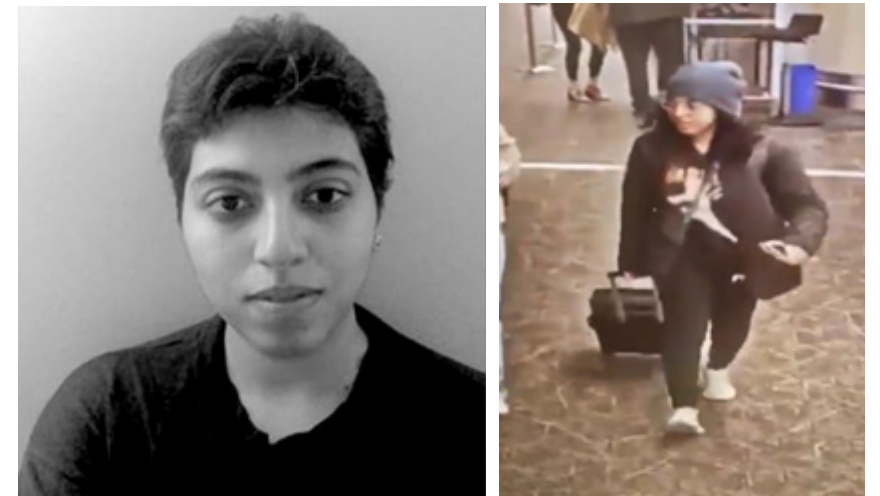
India's growing influence has not been without its detractors. Recent criticisms from the President of the Maldives appear to be diversionary tactics aimed at deflecting attention from his administration's shortcomings. However, such criticisms are unlikely to hold ground, as India's robust foreign policy continues to strengthen its alliances in the Indo-Pacific region. Similarly, long-standing tensions with Pakistan and Bangladesh may see a shift, with the potential for reduced Pakistani support for terrorism. A stable and assertive India could encourage its neighbors to reconsider their approach, fostering better diplomatic relations and regional stability.

On the international stage, India's firm stance is also compelling global organizations to rethink their habitual criticisms. Organizations that have frequently passed comments on India's human rights record may find their narratives increasingly challenged by India's undeniable diplomatic and economic progress. The era where India was seen as a passive participant in global affairs is over. Today, India is setting the agenda rather than merely responding to it.

With its foreign policy now firmly on an irreversible path forward, India's transformation into a global power is evident. Modi's leadership has not only strengthened India's strategic position but has also reaffirmed the country's role as a champion of peace and diplomacy. As nations worldwide acknowledge India's growing influence, it is clear that Modi's vision of India as a Vishwa Guru is becoming a reality, solidifying the country's place in the annals of global history.

Price for Reckless Activism

Columbia Student Loses Visa, Forced to Self-Deport



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Columbia University doctoral student Ranjani Srinivasan, an Indian national, was forced to leave the United States after her student visa was revoked for alleged support of Hamas. U.S. authorities took action on March 5, 2025, citing her participation in pro-Hamas protests at the university as grounds for "advocating terrorism." Rather than risk a forced military deportation, Srinivasan opted for self-deportation using the U.S. Customs and Border Protection mobile app, a rare but increasingly used method of voluntary departure.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security documented her exit through video and images at the airport as part of its enhanced monitoring of foreign nationals linked to extremist ideologies. Alongside Srinivasan, another student, Leqaa Kordia, was arrested for immigration violations in connection with similar protests at Columbia University.

A Price for Reckless Activism

Srinivasan's deportation raises important questions about the consequences of engaging in politically charged activism, particularly when it involves sensitive global security issues. As an international student in the U.S., her primary focus should have been academic excellence. However, her involvement in protests supporting a U.S.-designated terrorist organization led to the abrupt end of her studies and the loss of her visa privileges.

Her case serves as a cautionary tale for students who, despite having little expertise in geopolitics, insert themselves into movements they do not fully understand. While freedom of expression is a fundamental right, it does not extend to supporting groups with a history of violent extremism.

When Activism Goes Wrong

Srinivasan's parents sent her abroad for higher education, expecting her to build a successful career. Instead, she engaged in protests that led to severe legal consequences, not only disrupting her academic journey but also leaving a permanent mark on her immigration records.

This incident highlights a growing trend of students being drawn into ideological activism without fully grasping its implications. Universities, particularly in the West, have become hotbeds for political movements, with many students using their academic platforms for activism rather than intellectual growth. While political awareness is essential, reckless involvement in extremist-linked protests can have life-altering consequences.

In contrast, if Srinivasan were to continue her education in India at institutions like Jadavpur University or Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), she would likely face no repercussions for similar activism. Unlike the U.S., where authorities strictly monitor visa holders, India has historically allowed a broad spectrum of political expression on university campuses.

Srinivasan's self-inflicted downfall is a stark reminder: education is an opportunity, not a privilege to be wasted on reckless political posturing.

The UN's Troubling Stance

Siding with an Unelected Govt While Overlooking Minority Persecution

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The recent visit of United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres to Bangladesh has raised serious concerns about the UN's priorities and its silence on the country's worsening human rights situation. While Guterres and Bangladeshi Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus spoke extensively about the Rohingya refugee crisis, the event glaringly ignored a more pressing issue—the systematic persecution of Bangladesh's Hindu and Christian minorities under an unelected government that continues to evade democratic accountability.

Backing an Illegitimate Regime

One of the most disturbing aspects of Guterres' visit was the implicit legitimization of Muhammad Yunus, who holds power without a democratic mandate. Since Sheikh Hasina's government was forced out earlier this year, Bangladesh has been governed without an election, effectively making Yunus an unelected leader with no public legitimacy. The UN, an organization that claims to uphold democratic values, has chosen

to ignore the fact that the current Bangladeshi administration has not held free and fair elections. Instead of pushing for democratic restoration, Guterres' visit signals that the UN is comfortable working with an autocratic setup, so long as it aligns with its own agenda.

The Forgotten Persecution of Hindus and Christians

While Guterres shared an Iftar meal with 100,000 Rohingya refugees, he failed to acknowledge the brutal persecution of Hindus, Christians, and other non-Muslim minorities in Bangladesh. Over the past decade, attacks on religious minorities have surged, with Hindu temples vandalized, Christian missionaries harassed, and entire villages torched under the pretext of religious extremism.

Organizations that track religious freedom, such as the US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), have repeatedly raised alarms over Bangladesh's deteriorating treatment of minorities. However, these voices find little space in UN-led discussions, which continue to prioritize refugees from



Myanmar while ignoring the suffering of native Bangladeshis who have been stripped of their fundamental rights.

Boasting About Harboring Illegal Migrants

Another alarming narrative pushed during the visit was the glorification of Bangladesh's role in sheltering illegal migrants. While Guterres praised the country's "solidarity" with Rohingya refugees, he made no mention of the impact this mass migration has had on neighboring India and Myanmar.

For years, illegal migration from Bangladesh has destabilized India's northeastern states, creating demographic shifts

that have led to ethnic tensions and resource conflicts. Indian intelligence agencies have repeatedly flagged security concerns arising from unchecked illegal migration, including the rise of extremist elements operating from within these refugee settlements. Yet, instead of addressing the geopolitical consequences of such movements, the UN continues to pressure India and Myanmar to accept more refugees, without holding Bangladesh accountable for failing to control its own borders.

Selective Outrage and the UN's Double Standards

Perhaps the most frustrating aspect

of the UN's stance is its blatant double standards. While it repeatedly criticizes countries like India for their policies on refugees and minority rights, it remains eerily silent when similar, or even worse, human rights violations occur in Bangladesh. The same UN that speaks out against religious intolerance in Western democracies has little to say when Hindus in Bangladesh face mob violence. The same UN that preaches about fair governance has no problem collaborating with an unelected administration that suppresses dissent and ignores calls for free elections.

This selective outrage is not just hypocritical; it actively undermines the credibility of international human rights institutions. By choosing to engage with an illegitimate government while ignoring its persecution of minorities, the UN is setting a dangerous precedent—one where political convenience takes priority over genuine justice.

Until these issues are acknowledged and acted upon, the UN's engagement with Bangladesh will remain one-sided, failing to address the real human rights crisis unfolding in the country.

BJP criticizes Karnataka's 4% Muslim Reservation



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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has strongly criticized the Karnataka government's decision to grant a 4% reservation for Muslim contractors in public tenders under the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement (KTPP) Act. BJP leader and former Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad accused the Congress of engaging in "vote-bank politics" and claimed the move was backed by Rahul Gandhi. Addressing a press conference in Delhi, Prasad alleged that Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah lacked the courage to make such a decision independently. "This reservation was introduced with the full patronage and approval of Rahul Gandhi. Siddaramaiah neither has the courage nor the political capital to announce it on his own," he said. Prasad further criticized Congress for setting what he called dangerous precedents in the name of reservations. "How far will this appeasement go? Will there be separate queues for Muslims in movies and train tickets?" he questioned. Referring to Congress' recent electoral setbacks, Prasad accused the party of failing to reassess its approach. He also cited former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's controversial remark that Muslims have the "first right" over the nation's resources and claimed Rahul Gandhi has "surpassed that." "He called Congress a party of Muslims, went to America and called the Muslim League a secular party. Jinnah is gone, but his politics remain," he remarked. The Karnataka cabinet had recently approved a 4% quota for Muslim contractors under the Category-II B classification. The decision, announced by Siddaramaiah on March 7 during the state budget presentation, is expected to be formalized through an amendment to the KTPP Act. Prasad also took a jibe at Rahul Gandhi's recent visit to Vietnam, questioning his absence during key political moments. "He visits Vietnam during the New Year and Holi but has not spent as much time in his Rae Bareilly constituency. He must explain his unusual fondness for Vietnam," he said.

Bhupesh Baghel Denies ED Notice To Son In Liquor Scam

- Baghel Alleges BJP is using agencies to defame opposition leaders.
- ED conducted raids at 14 locations, including Baghel's residence.
- Agency claims ₹2,161 crore illegal earnings from liquor trade in Chhattisgarh.

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Former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has refuted claims that his son Chaitanya Baghel was summoned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with an alleged liquor scam. Baghel accused the ED of creating a media spectacle and claimed that no official notice had been served.

"No notice has been received, so there is no question of appearing anywhere. We will certainly appear once we receive a notice. ED's job is to create deliberate media hype. Agencies are being misused to defame individuals. This is a conspiracy by the BJP to tarnish leaders," Baghel told ANI. The ED conducted searches at multiple locations on March 10, including Baghel's residence, his son's premises, and others across Chhattisgarh. Baghel condemned the searches, alleging they were conducted without the Election Commission's approval and aimed at damag-



ing his reputation ahead of elections. He also dismissed the alleged ₹33 lakh recovery from his home, stating it was an attempt to frame him. "We are an agricultural family with 140 acres of land. They found ₹33 lakh and created hype. If they had real evidence, why haven't they proven anything in four years?" he questioned. The ED claims that between 2019 and 2022, a cartel of government

officials, politicians, and liquor businessmen amassed around ₹2,161 crore through an illegal liquor distribution network. The agency has previously conducted raids on politicians and bureaucrats linked to the former Congress-led government. Baghel alleged that BJP is using investigative agencies to target political rivals, stating, "People now know that the BJP misuses CBI and ED to trouble opposition leaders."



Barriers Should Not Come

Ashwini Vaishnaw Backs Tamil Amid Language Debate

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Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Saturday hailed Tamil as a "sweet" and "ancient" language, emphasizing that it is not just an asset for India but for the world. Speaking at the inauguration of a manufacturing facility of Zetwerk Electronics in Sriperumbudur, he reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment to ensuring respect and recognition for all Indian languages.

Vaishnaw shared a personal anecdote about his exposure to Tamil through his professor, Sadagopan, at IIT Kanpur. Recalling how he learned about Tamil culture beyond common associations like 'masala dosa,' he expressed admiration for the language's depth and heritage. Greeting the audience with "Vanakkam," he added, "Tamil is a very, very sweet language. All I know is three words—Vanakkam, Eppadi Irukeenga, and Nandri." He stressed that linguistic diversity should be a source of unity, not division.

Citing an example of inclusivity, he highlighted how the Telecom and Data Protection Laws now mandate that notices be available in all Indian languages, inspired by Modi's vision. "Our Prime Minister asked why notices should only be in English and not in all Indian languages. That is the thought process of our leader," he said. His remarks come amid the ongoing language debate, with the ruling DMK alleging Hindi imposition through the Centre's National Education Policy. Addressing these concerns, Vaishnaw called for a collective focus on strengthening the nation. "Barriers should not come in the way of friendship and relationships among people. We should all work towards making India the third-largest economy," he said, concluding with "Romba rombha nandri" (Many, many thanks).

Will Turn Into Best In India

Amit Shah Inaugurates Police Academy In Assam

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday inaugurated the newly developed premises of the Lachit Barphukan Police Academy in Dergaon, Assam, emphasizing its transformation into one of the best police training institutions in India. Spread across 340 acres, the academy is being upgraded in two phases at an estimated cost of ₹1,024 crore. The first phase, worth ₹167.4 crore, includes a five-storey building equipped with smart classrooms, weapon simulators, research labs, administrative offices, a museum, and a modern parade ground. Honoring Lachit Barphukan's Legacy Speaking at the event, Shah highlighted the historical significance of the academy's namesake, the legendary Assamese general Lachit Barphukan, who



repelled Mughal forces. "I first learned about Lachit Barphukan when I was seven years old, but his contributions were never widely taught. Today, his story is being published in 23 languages to ensure his legacy is recognized nationwide," he said. Shah credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership for Assam's transformation from a state once plagued by insurgency to a hub of progress. "Over 10,000 youth have left insurgen-

cy and joined the mainstream due to peace accords. Assam, once known for unrest, will now be home to India's first semiconductor unit," he remarked. He also announced a ₹3 lakh crore investment in Assam's infrastructure, citing the need for job creation for both local and non-local youth. Targeting the Congress, Shah accused the party of failing to bring peace and development to Assam.

Tej Pratap Yadav Threatens Cop to Dance or Face Suspension



TPN Correspondent | Patna

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tej Pratap Yadav stirred controversy after a video from his Holi celebration went viral, showing him ordering a policeman to dance, threatening suspension if he refused. The Holi party, held at Yadav's residence in Patna, was attended by party workers. In the viral clip, the former Bihar minister can be heard telling the on-duty cop, "Ae Sipahi, ek gana bajayenge usme tumko thumka lagana hai. Bura na mano Holi hai. Thumka lagao nahi toh suspend kar diye jaoge." Moments later, Yadav started singing, and the policeman, seemingly pressured, joined in by raising his hands and dancing. BJP Slams RJD Over Incident The video drew sharp criticism from the BJP. Party spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla accused RJD of fostering "jungle raj," comparing Tej Pratap Yadav's actions to his father, Lalu Prasad Yadav's tenure. "Like father, like son. First, Lalu as CM made the law dance to his tunes. Now, his son, despite being out of power, is forcing law protectors to dance through threats. This is proof that RJD believes in lawlessness. If they return to power, they will turn Bihar into jungle raj again," Poonawalla said in a video statement.

Surge in Illegal Betting Raises Concern in India

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Illegal betting and gambling have seen an alarming rise in India, with digital platforms recording 1.6 billion visits in just three months across four major sites, according to a report by Digital India Foundation. The findings indicate a thriving underground industry despite repeated government interventions, raising concerns over money laundering, terror financing, and regulatory inefficiencies. The report highlights that organic search traffic to illegal betting sites reached 184 million visits, far surpassing social media-driven traffic of 42.8 million visits. Additionally, mirror websites played a significant role in expanding the illegal market, with just three Parimatch mirrors accounting for 266 million visits.



Despite major digital platforms prohibiting betting-related promotions, the report points out that enforcement remains inconsistent. Facebook Ad Network, for instance, has reportedly witnessed a

sharp increase in gambling advertisements. Government agencies have attempted to crack down on illegal gambling by blocking websites and issuing public advisories, but operators continue to thrive through

advanced digital marketing, seamless payment systems, and mirror sites. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance had earlier raised concerns over these platforms being used for money laundering and

terror financing. International experiences from countries like the UK, Norway, Denmark, Belgium, and the US show that merely blocking websites is ineffective. Instead, successful strategies involve a combination of website blocking, marketing restrictions, payment regulations, and the use of whitelists and blocklists. The report urges India to adopt a more comprehensive approach instead of a fragmented enforcement strategy. It suggests stricter controls on digital media channels that drive user traffic, tighter financial regulations to prevent illicit transactions, and enhanced enforcement mechanisms to curb illegal betting in the long run. With the rise of digital platforms fueling the gambling boom, experts warn that ignoring the issue could lead to far-reaching economic and social consequences.



Fanatical Mindset..

India Slams Pakistan Over Kashmir Remark At UN

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India strongly criticized Pakistan for its repeated and "unjustified" reference to Jammu and Kashmir at the UN General Assembly, asserting that such statements will not validate its claims nor justify its actions linked to cross-border terrorism.

India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador P Harish, issued a sharp response during an informal meeting of the UN General Assembly to commemorate the International Day to Combat Islamophobia. "As is their habit, the former foreign secretary of Pakistan today has made an unjustified reference to the Indian Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir," Harish stated.

He further accused Pakistan of harboring a "fanatical mindset" and engaging in bigotry, emphasizing that frequent references to Kashmir will not alter the reality that it remains an integral part of India. "Such efforts will not change the reality that Jammu and Kashmir was, is, and will always be an integral part of India," he said.

The remarks came after Pakistan's former foreign secretary, Tehmina Janjua, raised the Kashmir issue in her speech at the UN meet. India's firm stance reaffirmed its position against Pakistan's narrative on Kashmir in global forums.

Trump Orders DC Cleanup

Says Didn't Want PM Modi to See Potholes, Graffiti

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US President Donald Trump has ordered the cleanup of Washington DC, stating that he did not want visiting world leaders, including Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to see potholes, graffiti, and broken barriers in the capital.

Speaking at the Department of Justice on March 14, Trump emphasized his administration's commitment to making Washington DC safer and more presentable. "We are cleaning up our city. We're not going to have crime, and we're not going to stand for it. We're taking down graffiti, removing tents, and making this great capital the talk of the world," he said.

Trump recalled his decision to ensure a well-maintained route when hosting world leaders, including PM Modi, French President Emmanuel Macron, UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba, and Jordan's King Abdullah II. "I had the route run. I didn't want them to see tents, graffiti, or potholes. We had it looking beautiful," he stated.

He further vowed to make Washington DC a crime-free capital, ensuring that visitors would not



face threats such as mugging or violence. "It's going to be cleaner, better, and safer than ever before, and it's not going to take us too long," he assured. Since taking office, Trump has pushed for stricter law enforcement and urban improvements, positioning the DC cleanup as a major priority for his administration.

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PM Modi to Visit Sri Lanka Next Month

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to visit Sri Lanka early next month to finalise agreements reached during Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake's visit to India last year, Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Vijitha Herath confirmed on Saturday.

Speaking during a parliamentary budget allocation debate, Herath emphasized Sri Lanka's strong diplomatic ties with India. "We have maintained a close relationship with our neighbor India. Our first diplomatic visit was to India, where we reached several agreements on bilateral cooperation," he said.

Herath revealed that Modi's visit in early April will see the signing of several new Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), including agreements linked to economic cooperation and energy projects. One of the key events will be the opening of the Sampur solar power station, a 135 MW plant jointly developed by Sri Lanka's Ceylon Electricity Board and India's NTPC in Trincomalee.

The Sri Lankan minister credited the National People's Power (NPP) government's foreign policy for securing multiple Indian-backed projects. "We will remain neutral in our foreign policy without taking any sides while working to maintain national interest," Herath added.

This will be Prime Minister Modi's fourth visit to Sri Lanka since 2015, reflecting India's continued engagement with its island neighbor.

Russia Claims Control Over Two More Villages in Kursk

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Moscow has announced that its forces have reclaimed two more villages in the Kursk border region, intensifying its efforts to regain control over territory previously seized by Ukraine.

The Russian Defense Ministry stated on Saturday that its troops had taken control of Zaoleshenska and Rubanshchina, located north and west of Sudzha, the key town that Moscow had recaptured earlier this week. This development marks a continued push by Russian forces to reclaim lost ground in the western part of the Kursk region.

A day earlier, Russian President Vladimir Putin called on Ukrainian forces in Kursk to surrender, offering assurances of safe treatment. "If they lay down



their arms and surrender, they will be guaranteed life and dignified treatment," Putin stated. Meanwhile, former U.S. President Donald Trump also urged the Kremlin to spare the lives of surrendering Ukrainian troops. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky acknowledged the mounting challenges, stating that the situation in Kursk is "ob-

viously very difficult." On Saturday, the Ukrainian army shared a map on social media indicating that its troops had retreated westward towards the border. This latest advancement in Kursk underscores Russia's increasing momentum in the ongoing conflict, with both sides preparing for further escalations in the contested border regions.

Trump Takes Credit for Killing Senior ISIS Leader in Iraq

"PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH!" He later shared the post on X

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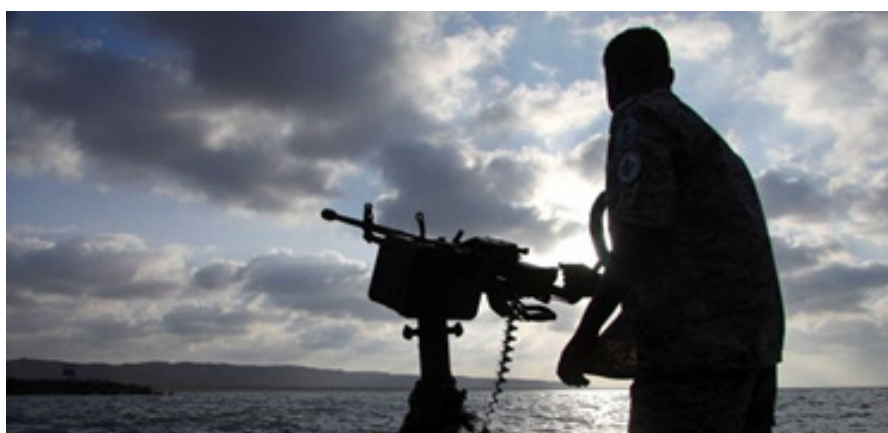
US President Donald Trump has taken credit for the elimination of a senior Islamic State (ISIS) leader in Iraq, Abdullah Makki Muslih al-Rufayi, also known as Abu Khadija. Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani announced that Iraqi security forces successfully carried out the operation.

Trump, in a post on Truth Social, praised the mission, stating, "Today the fugitive leader of ISIS in Iraq was killed. He was relentlessly hunted down by our intrepid warfighters. His miserable life was terminated, along with another member of ISIS, in coordination with the Iraqi Government and the Kurdish Regional Government. PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH!" He later shared the post on X.

The White House also released a video of the operation, showing collaboration between US and Iraqi forces. The operation, conducted on March 13, was described as a precision airstrike led by the United States Central Command (CENTCOM) with assistance from Iraqi intelligence and security forces.

Operation Details

CENTCOM, in a post on X, confirmed that Khadija and another



ISIS operative were killed in an airstrike in Iraq's Anbar province. "After the strike, CENTCOM and Iraqi forces moved to the strike site and found both dead ISIS terrorists. Both terrorists were wearing unexploded suicide vests and had multiple weapons. CENTCOM and Iraqi forces were able to identify Abu Khadija through a DNA match from a previous raid where he narrowly escaped," the statement read.

CENTCOM described Khadija as the "Emir of ISIS" most senior decision-making body" and a key figure responsible for ISIS's global operations, logistics, and financing. "Abu Khadija was one of the most important ISIS members in the entire global ISIS organization. We will continue to kill terrorists and dismantle their organizations that threaten our homeland and U.S.,

allied, and partner personnel in the region and beyond," said Gen. Michael Erik Kurilla, commander of US Central Command.

Khadija's Role in ISIS
Abu Khadija had a long history of involvement with extremist groups, initially joining al-Qaeda in 2009. He was imprisoned in 2011 but escaped and later resurfaced in 2014 during ISIS's territorial expansion across Iraq and Syria. Rising quickly through the ranks, he became security chief for Kirkuk province before assuming the role of "Wali of the Blessed Land," overseeing ISIS operations in Iraq and Syria.

Syria and Iraq Pledge to Fight ISIS
The operation coincided with a diplomatic visit by Syria's top diplomat to Iraq, during which both nations reaffirmed their commitment to combat ISIS.

US Influencer Apologizes for Wombat Video

Blasts Australian Government

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US influencer Sam Jones, who sparked outrage after posting a video of herself picking up a baby wombat in Australia, has issued a public apology. Facing backlash and possible immigration consequences, she clarified that her intentions were to help the animal, not to cause harm.

In a statement on Instagram, Jones explained that she had stopped her vehicle upon seeing the mother wombat and her joey on the road. Concerned that the joey was sick or injured after it failed to run away, she made a "snap judgment" to pick it up. However, after realizing the mother was nearby, she placed the joey back, ensuring their reunion.

Despite her explanation, the video, in which the joey can be heard hissing while its mother follows behind, drew heavy criticism. Online petitions called for her deportation, and Home Affairs Minister Tony Burke confirmed that her visa status was under review. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese condemned the act, calling it an "outrage" that caused clear distress to the mother wombat.

Jones later deleted the video and made her account private before reportedly leaving Australia. However, in her latest statement, she reopened her account and launched a scathing attack on the Australian government, accusing it of hypocrisy



in its treatment of native wildlife.

She claimed that while she was vilified for briefly holding a wombat, the government permits large-scale slaughter of wombats, kangaroos, and other animals. Jones alleged that thousands of wombats are shot or poisoned each year and that Australia spends millions on culling wild horses, deer, and pigs.

Highlighting the commercial killing of kangaroos, she stated, "In the last 20 years, approximately 90 million kangaroos and wallabies have been legally slaughtered." She criticized those who condemned her while supporting government policies on wildlife management, calling it "hypocrisy at its finest."

Jones also dismissed suggestions that she should have visited a zoo instead, arguing that keeping wild animals in captivity is a far greater injustice than briefly handling one in an attempt to help.

The controversy continues, with public opinion divided over Jones' actions and her broader criticisms of Australia's wildlife policies.

New India Co-operative Bank scam

Wanted accused Kapil Dedhia arrested
Probe reveals ₹12 crore credited to his account
Economic Offences Wing (EOW) arrests Kapil Dedhia in ₹122 crore bank fraud case
Mumbai court remands Dedhia to police custody till March 19

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The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Mumbai Police has arrested Kapil Dedhia, a wanted accused in the ₹122 crore embezzlement case involving New India Co-operative Bank. Dedhia was apprehended in Vadodara on Friday as part of a coordinated operation and subsequently brought to Mumbai on Saturday.

According to EOW officials, Dedhia was formally arrested at 11:30 a.m. and presented before the court, which remanded him to police custody until March 19, 2025. Investigators have uncovered that ₹12 crore was credited to his account, allegedly forming part of the misappropriated funds siphoned from the bank. Further inquiries revealed that a portion of this amount was transferred to Dedhia by Dharmesh Paun, the builder of Dharmesh Realty, while another segment was received from Arunachalam, another wanted accused in the case. Additionally, EOW sources confirmed that funds were also routed to Dedhia by Hitesh Mehta.

The investigation into the New India Co-operative Bank scam continues, with authorities examining financial trails and identifying other individuals involved in the massive fraud.

"Monitoring Closely" says RBI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has assured depositors of IndusInd Bank's financial stability following concerns over a ₹2,100 crore accounting lapse. The central bank confirmed that the bank remains well-capitalised and is



being closely monitored to ensure financial soundness.

In a statement, the RBI urged depositors not to react to speculative reports and highlighted that IndusInd Bank reported a Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) of 16.46% and a Provision Coverage Ratio (PAR) of 70.20% for the quarter ending December 31, 2024. The bank also maintained a Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) of 113% as of March 9, 2025, surpassing the regulatory requirement of 100%.

The RBI stated that IndusInd Bank has engaged an external audit team to review its financial systems and assess the impact of the accounting discrepancy. The bank's Board and management have been directed to complete all

necessary remedial actions within the current quarter (Q4 FY25) and ensure proper disclosures.

The central bank reassured depositors by citing its track record in safeguarding financial institutions, referring to interventions in cases like Yes Bank (2020) and RBL Bank (2021). The RBI clarified that the issue at IndusInd Bank is not a crisis but a one-time accounting discrepancy related to its derivatives portfolio, impacting around 2.35% of its net worth as of December 2024.

IndusInd Bank has already initiated corrective measures to resolve the issue and ensure transparency in financial reporting.



Wipro revamps business structure as CEO Srinivas Pallia nears one-year mark

Wipro Ltd has announced a major restructuring of its global business divisions to align with client needs, marking another step in CEO Srinivas Pallia's strategy to revive the company amid declining revenues and macro-economic challenges. The Bengaluru-based IT giant will now operate under four business arms—Technology Services, Business Process Services, Consulting Services, and Engineering. The restructuring takes effect from April 1, 2025.

The leadership reshuffle also saw the exit of Jo Debecker, head of Wipro's FullStride Cloud Services. His departure marks the 10th high-profile exit since Pallia took over in April 2024, with seven of those roles being filled internally. Under the new structure, Technology Services will focus on cloud solutions, AI, cybersecurity, and enterprise applications, led by Nagendra Bandaru. Business Process Services, handling digital operations and customer support, will be led by Jasjit Kang. Consulting Services will be overseen by Amit Kumar, offering advisory and transformation services. The Engineering division, which focuses on R&D, will continue under Srikanth Rao.

This is Wipro's second major restructuring in three years. The previous overhaul under former CEO Thierry Delaporte in April 2023 had introduced four business lines, including Wipro FullStride Cloud and Wipro Enterprise Futuring. However, despite these efforts, Wipro remains the only one among India's top four IT firms to register a revenue decline. In 2023-24, the company posted \$10.8 billion in revenue, down 2.2% year-on-year. In the first nine months of FY25, Wipro's revenue shrank by 4.2% to \$7.78 billion, and it is expected to post a second consecutive annual decline. As part of its cost-cutting strategy, Wipro has decided not to sign or renew deals below its 16% operating margin threshold and has shifted expensive team offsites to virtual platforms. With analysts forecasting slower growth for India's \$283-billion IT sector, Pallia's restructuring efforts are aimed at positioning Wipro for long-term stability amid uncertain market conditions.

Elon Musk-Led DOGE Cancels Over 2 Lakh Govt Credit Cards

The U.S. Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), headed by billionaire entrepreneur and White House advisor Elon Musk, has deactivated over 2 lakh federal government credit cards as part of an effort to streamline government spending. The move, announced recently on X (formerly Twitter), follows a broader push to curb administrative costs and overhaul government expenditure practices.

According to DOGE, the department has been working since February 18 to simplify government credit card accounts and eliminate unnecessary expenditures. Government data estimates that around 4.6 million active credit cards facilitated nearly 90 million transactions in the 2024 fiscal year.

A week after DOGE's announcement, U.S. President Donald Trump signed an executive order enforcing a 30-day freeze on agency employee credit cards, affecting several departments. In its latest update, DOGE revealed that after a three-week audit of 16 federal agencies, over 200,000 credit cards had been deactivated.

Commenting on the decision, Musk said, "There are still almost twice as many credit/purchasing cards as people in the government, and the limits are \$10,000! A lot of shady expenditures are happening."

Efforts to Streamline Federal Spending
Trump and Musk have long advocated reducing government expenses. While the credit card freeze includes exemptions for employees involved in disaster relief and critical services, reports suggest that it has disrupted routine operations in several federal agencies.

For instance, employees at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have faced difficulties



in procuring essential lab supplies, which are crucial for ensuring consumer safety. Civilian employees at the Department of Defense have also been affected, with their government travel credit card limits drastically reduced to just \$1, except for cases involving military operations or permanent station changes.

Despite these measures, DOGE has not disclosed the projected financial savings from the cancellations, leaving many questioning the actual impact of the initiative.

According to a report in Newsweek, similar cost-cutting measures in the past, such as large-scale layoffs within federal agencies,

have yielded little to no financial benefits.

What is DOGE?

Established through an executive order on January 20, the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) is a newly formed advisory body tasked with reducing inefficiencies in the federal government. Since its inception, the department has aggressively pushed for cost-cutting measures, including workforce reductions.

As the federal government continues its spending overhaul, the long-term implications of these changes remain uncertain.

Standard Chartered raises €1 billion via first social bond, commits 57% for India

Standard Chartered Plc has raised €1 billion (approximately ₹9,400 crore) through its first social bond, aimed at supporting sustainable development projects across emerging markets, with India being the primary beneficiary. Over 57% of the total funds raised will be allocated to India for financing small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), healthcare, education, and affordable infrastructure. The eight-year bond is designed to facilitate lending to SMEs, especially women-owned enterprises, ensuring access to finance, job creation, and economic empowerment. The proceeds will also be used for investments in essential services such as food security, healthcare, and educa-

tion, in line with Standard Chartered's Sustainability Bond Framework. Speaking on the issuance, Diego De Giorgi, Group Chief Financial Officer at Standard Chartered, stated, "Our first social issuance is an important milestone for the bank and demonstrates Standard Chartered's unique ability to raise capital in the world's largest financial centres and deploy it into markets where the need for sustainable finance is most acute. This highlights how the bank provides financial solutions to support the enduring growth of our markets." According to Standard Chartered, the bank's top five social asset locations include India (57%), Malaysia (10%), Bangladesh (6%), Mainland China (5%), and



Nepal (4%). The funds raised will be referenced in the bank's Sustainable Finance asset pool, which includes \$5.5 billion in social assets—99% of which are located in Asia, Africa,

and the Middle East. "Today, around \$4.2 trillion in annual investment is needed across emerging markets to facilitate sustainable development, build resilience, and drive long-term

prosperity. Mobilising private sector capital into these markets is crucial to bridging this gap," the bank noted. Marisa Drew, Chief Sustainability Officer at Standard Chartered, emphasized the bank's commitment to inclusive growth, stating, "This first social bond issuance underscores our commitment to people, communities, and businesses. The fact that 99% of our social assets are in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East is a key differentiator for us, allowing us to drive impactful change across our footprint." The move is expected to strengthen Standard Chartered's role in mobilising capital for social impact, ensuring that critical financing reaches markets with the greatest demand.

Redmi Note 14s Launched With 200MP Camera



Xiaomi's latest 4G smartphone, the Redmi Note 14s, debuts with a high-resolution camera and fast charging.

Redmi has unveiled the Note 14s, a new 4G smartphone featuring a 200-megapixel rear camera and a MediaTek Helio G99-Ultra processor. It sports a 6.67-inch AMOLED display with a 120Hz refresh rate

and runs on Xiaomi's HyperOS. The device comes with an in-display fingerprint sensor, an IP64 rating for dust and splash resistance, and a 5,000mAh battery supporting 67W fast charging. The Redmi Note 14s is priced at CZK 5,999 (approximately Rs. 22,700) in the Czech Republic and UAH 10,999 (roughly Rs. 23,100) in Ukraine. It

is available in three colors: Aurora Purple, Midnight Black, and Ocean Blue.

Specifications and Features
The Redmi Note 14s features a 6.67-inch Full-HD+ AMOLED display with a 120Hz refresh rate and Gorilla Glass 5 protection. Powered by the MediaTek Helio G99-Ultra SoC, it comes with 8GB RAM and 256GB storage. For photography, the device boasts a 200MP primary rear camera, along with an 8MP ultrawide and 2MP macro lens, while a 16MP front camera handles selfies. It is backed by a 5,000mAh battery with 67W fast charging support. Connectivity options include 4G LTE, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth 5.2, NFC, and USB Type-C. Security is enhanced with an in-display fingerprint sensor, and the phone is IP64-rated for dust and splash resistance. Measuring 161.1x74.95x7.98mm and weighing 179g, the Redmi Note 14s combines performance with durability. The Redmi Note 14s is essentially a rebranded version of the Redmi Note 13 Pro 4G, offering similar specifications with a focus on camera performance.

Vispy Kharadi's Hercules Pillars Feat Gains Global Praise



Indian athlete Vispy Kharadi has set a Guinness World Record by holding the Hercules Pillars for two minutes and 10.75 seconds in Surat, Gujarat. His remarkable achievement has drawn global attention, with tech billionaire Elon Musk among those acknowledging his feat. Musk shared the video posted by Guinness World Records on X, where Kharadi can be seen gripping two massive pillars weighing 166.7 kg and 168.9 kg. The post has amassed over 10.9 million views and 86,000 likes, making Kharadi's strength a widely discussed topic on social media. Reacting to Musk's acknowledgment, Kharadi expressed his excitement, stating, "It was indeed a good surprise when I got to know that @elonmusk shared my Guinness World Record Video on X. Feeling so happy and on cloud 9. Moreover, it gives me immense pride that an Indian is being praised worldwide in the field of strength."

Netizens Applaud Kharadi's Achievement
Social media users have hailed Kharadi's world record, with many calling it an inspiration. One X user wrote, "That's some achievement... WORLD RECORD... Making India Proud. Congratulations @VispyKharadi." Another added, "Vispy Kharadi, also known as the Indian Man of Steel, makes a Guinness World Record of holding the Hercules Pillars for 2 minutes 10.75 seconds. Each pillar weighs 160 kg. This task is often taken by those who compete in World's StrongMan."

Kharadi himself reshared the Guinness World Records video, commenting, "160kg in each hand—Hercules Hold! Grip strength isn't just for giants. Martial artists, arm wrestlers, rock climbers—anyone with determination can achieve this. If an Indian believes, an Indian achieves!"

Who is Vispy Kharadi?
Kharadi, known as the "Steel Man of India," is a multiple black belt holder, 16-time Guinness World Record holder, and an unarmed combat trainer for the Border Security Force (BSF). He is also a certified nutritionist, fitness expert, actor, and model.

His previous records include crushing the most drink cans by hand in one minute and bending the most iron bars with his head. A report by Zee News mentions that Kharadi holds an MBA from IIM-B and is a specialist in Krav Maga, a form of close combat training. With global figures like Elon Musk recognizing his feat, Kharadi's achievement stands as a testament to India's growing presence in strength sports.

Urban Company Launches 'Insta Maid' Service Faces Mixed Reactions Online



Home services platform Urban Company (UC) has launched 'Insta Maids,' a new offering that promises professional house help within 15 minutes. While some hailed it as a much-needed solution for urban households, others criticized it as exploitative and questioned the use of the term "maid." The service, currently available in select areas of Mumbai, provides assistance with cleaning, cooking, and mopping at an introductory price of ₹49 per hour. UC stated that its 'Insta Maid' partners would earn ₹150-180 per hour and receive free health, life, and accidental insurance. Workers who complete 132 hours per month are assured a minimum

monthly earning of ₹20,000. Urban Company Defends Initiative
In a post on X, UC reiterated its commitment to fair wages and workers' dignity. Co-founder Varun Khaitan described 'Insta Maid' as "the future of domestic work in India—a win-win for all." UC also clarified that the ₹49 per hour rate is a limited-time offer, and prices will be adjusted to ensure sustainability. Online Debate Over 'Insta Maids'
The launch triggered mixed reactions online. Supporters praised the initiative, with one user commenting, "India desperately needs a structured domestic help industry. This is a step in the right direction."

Another user suggested expanding the service to include babysitting. However, critics accused UC of exploiting cheap labor. "This is a violation of human rights, stop calling exploitation 'innovation,'" wrote one user. Others took issue with the name, calling 'maid' an outdated and gendered term. "Expected better from Urban Company. The name itself is problematic," another user noted. Despite the backlash, UC remains confident in the service, emphasizing that it provides flexible employment opportunities while addressing a growing urban need.

Fresh Snow in Gulmarg, Rainfall in Srinagar Brings Cold Wave to J&K

Fresh snowfall in Gulmarg and incessant rainfall in Srinagar have led to a significant drop in temperatures across Jammu and Kashmir. Srinagar recorded a minimum temperature of 2.6°C on Saturday morning, while Gulmarg witnessed sub-zero conditions with temperatures at 0.2°C and 100% relative humidity. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) had earlier predicted heavy rainfall and snowfall in Jammu and Kashmir for March 15, along with similar weather conditions in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand on March 16. The ongoing weather disturbances are attributed to a cyclonic circulation arising from a Western Disturbance over Afghanistan and Pakistan, leading to widespread precipitation in the Western Himalayan region. According to the latest



forecast, weather conditions in Srinagar are expected to improve after March 16, with a mix of clear skies and partly cloudy conditions predicted over the next six days. The Meteorological Centre Srinagar stated on X, "Intermittent light to moderate Rain/Snow (higher reaches) at many places till 16 morning & improvement thereafter. Dry weather likely during 17-26 March." Residents can expect fluctuating temperatures, with the maximum and minimum ranging between 15°C and 1°C in the coming days.

Blinkit Faces Backlash Over Alleged Short-Weight Deliveries

A Reddit user's claim that Blinkit delivered underweight grocery items has sparked a heated debate online, with multiple users sharing similar experiences. The controversy has raised concerns about the accuracy of product weights on instant delivery platforms. The user, posting under the handle @Jusklickin, shared an image of a grapes order, alleging that a 500g pack weighed only 370g. They initially dismissed it as a one-off issue but faced a similar situation with another order, which reportedly weighed just 395g, including packaging. "Please don't trust Blinkit blindly," the

user wrote, accusing the company of deliberate malpractice. They also alleged receiving open pet food boxes with missing pouches, cheaper substitutes for ordered items, and overpriced products. Blinkit Responds to Allegations
The post quickly gained traction, prompting Blinkit's official Reddit account to respond. The company apologized and urged the user to share their order details for resolution. "We're really sorry for the repeated issues and understand your frustration. Please share your order ID or registered mobile number so we can address the discrepancies," Blinkit stated, providing

customer support links. Many users joined the discussion, with one urging, "File a complaint, make these companies pay up!" Others claimed they had suspected similar weight discrepancies but never verified them. A user shared their own experience: "Numerous times I've had one item missing in large orders. They replaced it after raising a ticket, but I found it too time-consuming and stopped using the app." The controversy has reignited concerns over quality control in rapid grocery delivery services, with many urging customers to double-check their orders.



Rohit Sharma to Continue as Test Captain for England Series



Rohit Sharma will remain India's Test captain for the upcoming five-match series against England, as confirmed by reports from the Indian Express. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has expressed confidence in Rohit's leadership, citing his tactical acumen and experience as key factors in their decision. Rohit's ability to manage pressure, rotate bowlers effectively, and set precise field placements has impressed the selectors, particularly his captaincy during the Champions Trophy, where he adeptly utilized spinners to challenge opposing batters. The board recognizes that succeeding

in England requires patience and adaptability—qualities Rohit has showcased in his recent white-ball successes. With India aiming for their first Test series win in England since 2007, stability in leadership is deemed crucial. The selectors noted the lack of viable alternatives, as young talents like Shubman Gill and Rishabh Pant are still gaining experience, and KL Rahul has faced consistency issues. Jasprit Bumrah, who led in Rohit's absence, is also struggling with injuries. Therefore, Rohit remains the best option to lead the team against England.

Tendulkar vs Lara: A Nostalgic Showdown in IML 2025 Title Clash

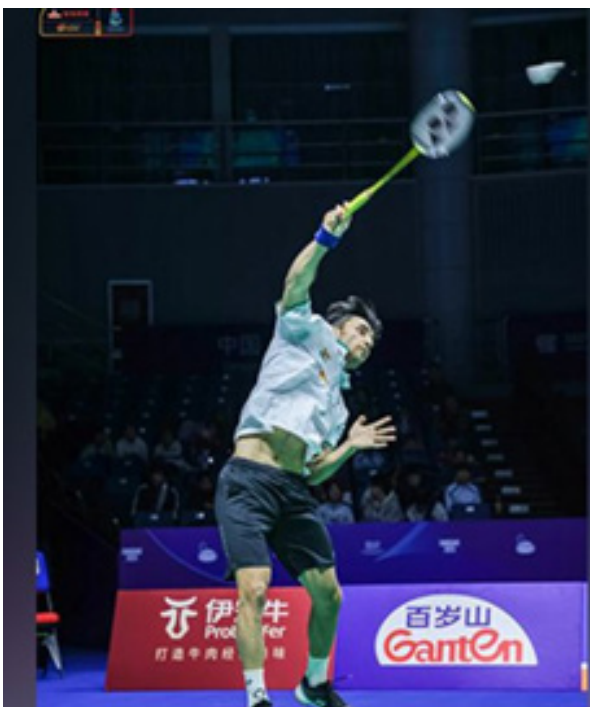


The stage is set for an epic finale as Sachin Tendulkar leads the India Masters against Brian Lara's West Indies Masters in the inaugural International Masters League (IML) title clash. This highly anticipated match will take place on Sunday, March 16, at the SVNS International Stadium in Raipur.

The India Masters, one of the tournament favorites, have enjoyed a stellar run, bouncing back from their only league-stage defeat against Australia Masters by defeating Shane Watson's team in the semi-finals. Their journey included thrilling victories over Sri Lanka, England, and South Africa, solidifying their place in the final. Conversely, the West Indies Masters kicked off their campaign with strong performances against Australia and England but

faced setbacks against Sri Lanka and India. A crucial win over South Africa secured their semi-final spot, where they narrowly edged out Sri Lanka by six runs. The IML final promises to be a captivating culmination of the tournament, celebrating cricket's golden era with iconic players. Fans can catch all the action live on JioHotstar, Colors Cineplex (SD & HD), and Colors Cineplex Superhits starting at 7 PM. Don't miss this nostalgic showdown!

Lakshya Sen Exits All-England Open 2025 in Quarter-Finals



Indian badminton player Lakshya Sen was eliminated from the All-England Open 2025 after losing his men's singles quarter-final match to Shi Feng Li of China. The Commonwealth Games champion and Olympian faced the reigning Asian Games champion, ranked world No. 6, and lost in straight sets, 21-10, 21-16. Sen initially led 4-3 in the first game but quickly fell behind as Shi Feng Li secured nine consecutive points. Although Sen managed a brief comeback to lead

11-8 in the second game, Shi Feng Li's experience shone through as he dominated the match, concluding it in 45 minutes. This marked Sen's third defeat in seven encounters against Shi Feng Li. In women's doubles, Treasa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand also bowed out, losing 21-14, 21-10 to the second-seeded Chinese pair Liu Sheng Shu and Tan Ning. The tournament has seen early exits for other Indian players, including PV Sindhu and Malvika Bansod.

Avani Prashanth Shines as Top Indian in Australian Women's Classic



In a challenging opening round at the 2025 Australian Women's Classic, rookie Avani Prashanth emerged as the top Indian competitor, finishing with a 2-over 72, placing her Tied-55th. Pranavi Urs followed closely with a 73, and Diksha Dagar posted a 74, placing them T-79th and T-88th, respectively. The players faced dif-

ficulties due to a lack of practice rounds at the Coffs Harbour Golf Club, which had been affected by Cyclone Alfred. Welsh rookie Darcey Harry, Sweden's Moa Folke, and Austria's Emma Spitz led the pack, each carding impressive 6-under 64s. Despite the adverse conditions and a reduction of the tournament to 54 holes, these players showcased remarkable skill. Avani, a multiple winner on the Hero Women's Pro Tour, has recently turned pro, finishing T-16 in her

debut event in Morocco. She recorded two bogeys and no birdies on the par-70 course. Pranavi, who had two birdies but five bogeys, and Diksha, with one birdie and five bogeys, struggled to find their rhythm. Harry's impressive performance included four birdies on the front nine and another on the 14th, while Folke and Spitz demonstrated consistent excellence, making multiple birdies without a single bogey. The tournament continues to unfold, promising an exciting competition ahead.

India Dominates ODI Deaf Series, Clinches 3-0 Victory Against Australia



Spanish star Marc Marquez set a new lap record of 1 minute 37.295 seconds during practice for the Argentina MotoGP, showcasing his dominant form after winning the season opener in Thailand. Riding his factory Ducati, Marquez continued to impress at Termas de Rio Hondo, a track where he has previously triumphed three

times. Ducati claimed the top spots in practice, with Fabio Di Giannantonio and Marquez's brother Alex completing the top three. Alex, who took pole at the last MotoGP in Argentina in 2023, finished second in the season opener. Marquez expressed confidence, noting his comfort on the bike

and the need for further improvements ahead of qualifying. Meanwhile, reigning world champion Francesco Bagnaia faced challenges, crashing during his session but still securing a spot in the top ten. The Argentina MotoGP marks the second round of the 22-race season, with the absence of world champion Jorge Martin

India Shines with 15 Medals on Days 3 and 4 of Special Olympics World Winter Games



India's impressive performance at the Special Olympics World Winter Games continued on Days 3 and 4, with athletes adding 15 more medals to the country's tally. This achievement brings India's total medal count to 24, following the nine medals secured in earlier events, as reported by Special Olympics Bharat.

In Alpine Skiing, Deepak Thakur and Giridhar showcased exceptional skills, clinching gold medals in the Intermediate Super G M04 and M05 categories, respectively. Abhishek Kumar earned a silver in the Novice Super G M01 category, while Radha Devi secured silver in the Intermediate Super G F03 event.

India also made its mark in short-track speed skating, with Ziara Porter claiming silver medals in both the 111M F1 and 222M F2 events. Tanshu added a bronze in the 777M M2 category and a silver in the 500M M3 category. In Cross Country Skiing, Akriti's commendable effort resulted in a bronze medal in the 50M Classical Tech-

nique Final F03. The Snowshoeing events further boosted India's medal count, with Vasu Tiwari winning gold in the 50M Race M03 category. Jahan-gir and Tanya took home silver medals in the 50M Race M04 and F02 categories, respectively, while Shalini Chauhan added a bronze in the 50M Race F03. Anil Kumar triumphed with a gold medal in the 200M Race M12 division, and Harleen Kaur secured silver in the F12 division. With around 1,500 athletes from 102 countries participating, the Special Olympics World Winter Games aim to promote inclusivity in sports, offering everyone a chance to shine. India's athletes continue to exemplify resilience, hard work, and sporting spirit on this global platform.



Samantha Transitions to Producer with “Shubham”

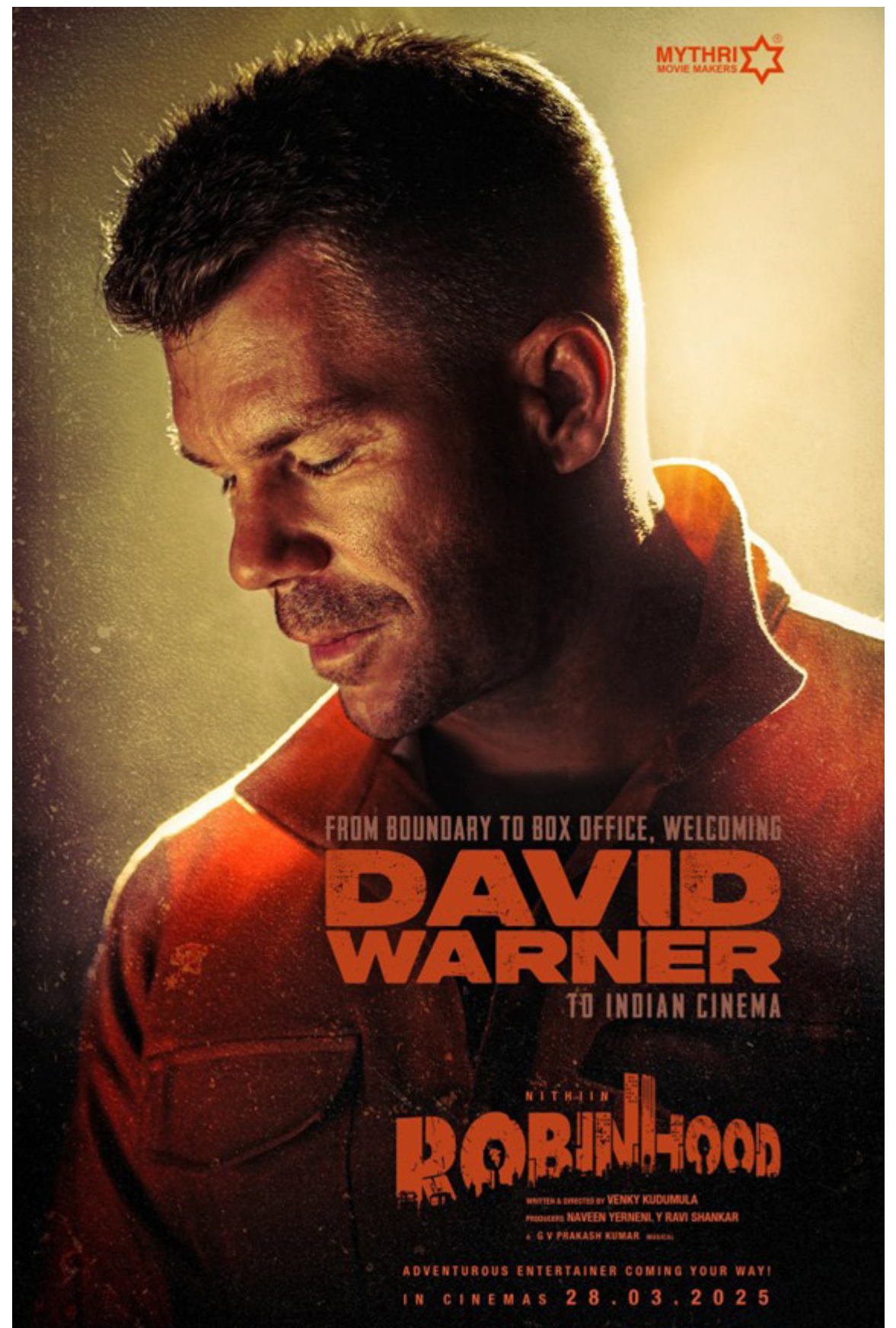


Samantha Ruth Prabhu is making her mark as a producer with her debut film, “Shubham,” under her banner,

Trulala Moving Pictures. Known for her stellar acting career, Samantha has taken a step back from on-screen roles to focus

on her health. Following her collaboration with Vijay Deverakonda in “Khushi,” she has not signed any new projects, but sources indicate she plans to return to acting once fully fit. “Shubham,” directed by Praveen Kandregula, features a compelling story by Vasanth Mariganti and promises a blend of comedy and thrilling elements. The film’s cast includes C. Malgireddy, Shriya Kontham, Charan Peri, Shalini Kondepudi, and Gavi Reddy Srinivas. Cinematography is handled by Mridul Sujit Sen, with Ram Charan Tej as the production designer. More details about the film’s release are expected soon.

First Look of David Warner from “Robinhood” Released!



The first look of Australian cricket star David Warner in the upcoming Telugu film “Robinhood” has been unveiled by the makers. Directed by Venky Kudumula and starring Nithiin, this film is set to release on March 28, generating significant anticipation, especially after the success of their previous collaboration, “Bheeshma.” The production company, Maitri Movie Mak-

ers, shared Warner’s poster with the tagline, “Welcoming Warner from the boundary to the box office.” Warner will appear in a special role, adding a unique flair to the movie. Nithiin’s co-star in the film is Sree Leela, with Rajendra Prasad and Vennela Kishore playing key roles. As promotional activities ramp up, fans are eager to see how this exciting blend of cricket and cinema unfolds.

Naga Chaitanya and Sobhita Dhulipala Enjoy a Day at the Race Track



Naga Chaitanya and Sobhita Dhulipala, who tied the knot in December at Annapurna Studios, Hyderabad, recently shared a delightful outing at the Madras International Circuit in Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu. Sobhita posted snapshots of their fun day on Instagram, showcasing their affectionate bond. In the first image, Naga Chaitanya rested his hand on Sobhita’s shoulder as they posed together on the race track. Another snap featured Sobhita seated in a car, focused and ready to race, while Chay flashed a charming smile in yet another picture. Sobhita opted for a casual black crop top and khaki pants, while Naga Chaitanya looked effortlessly cool in a white T-shirt and sunglasses. Their outing has drawn attention from fans, especially after they were recently spotted at Rana Daggubati’s store in Hyderabad. On the work front, Naga Chaitanya was last seen in “Thandel,” and Sobhita starred in the Zee5 original “Love, Sitara.”

Aaditi Pohankar Reflects on “Dangal” Impact on “Ek Badnaam Aashram”



Aaditi Pohankar, known for her role in “Ek Badnaam Aashram,” recently shared how missing out on Aamir Khan’s “Dangal” shaped her character in the series. The highly anticipated Season 3 Part 2 of “Ek Badnaam Aashram” has just been released and is garnering rave reviews from viewers.

Pohankar’s journey in the industry has been marked by challenges, including the disappointment of not landing a role in “Dangal.” However, she believes this experience pushed her to develop her character in “Ek Badnaam Aashram” with greater depth and conviction. The series, featuring Bobby Deol, continues to captivate audiences with its intriguing plot and strong performances. Aaditi’s resilience and dedication to her craft are evident in her portrayal, which has resonated well with fans. As the series gains popularity, she expresses gratitude for the opportunities that have come her way and looks forward to continuing her artistic journey.

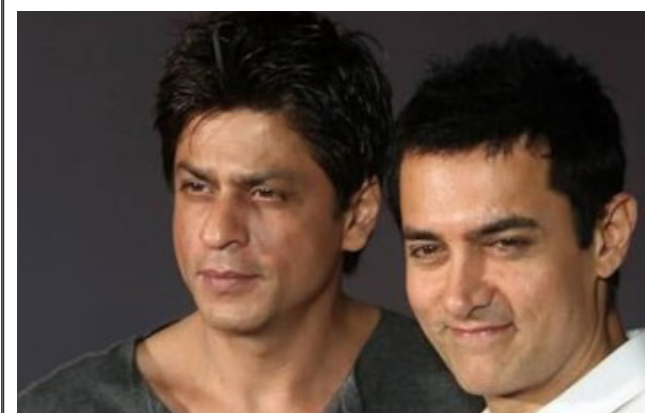
“Be Happy” Review: Abhishek Bachchan’s Film Misses the Mark



“Be Happy,” featuring Abhishek Bachchan, attempts to explore the poignant father-daughter dynamic and the pursuit of dreams, but ultimately falls short of delivering a compelling narrative. The film’s heavy reliance on melodrama and a predictable formula detracts from its potential to provide a fresh perspective on its themes. While Bachchan delivers a commendable performance, the script lacks depth and originality, often resorting to

clichés that weaken the emotional impact. The plot’s trajectory feels familiar, leaving little room for surprises or genuine moments of connection between characters. Despite its good intentions, “Be Happy” misses the bull’s-eye by miles, failing to resonate with audiences who seek a more nuanced portrayal of relationships and aspirations. Overall, the film is a disappointing endeavor that could have explored its promising premise more effectively.

Aamir Khan Shares Lighthearted Moments with Shah Rukh Khan



In a recent conversation, Aamir Khan opened up about his latest catch-up with Shah Rukh Khan, revealing that the duo was engaged in some lighthearted gossip. Instead of discussing their film careers or industry challenges, they focused on something much more amusing. Aamir mentioned that their discussion revolved around amusing anecdotes and fun memories, showcasing the camaraderie and

friendship they share. The two icons of Bollywood, known for their illustrious careers, took a break from the spotlight to enjoy a more relaxed and jovial exchange, highlighting the importance of friendship amidst the pressures of the film industry. Fans of both actors were delighted to hear about their playful banter, which reminds everyone that even the biggest stars enjoy a good laugh together.